

Trading boom hints at cuts in income tax

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent
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Return to the moor: The hunched figure, fourth from the left, flanked by detectives is believed to be Myra Hindley (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Hindley is flown back to the moor

By Ian Smith
Myra Hindley returned to the scene of her crimes for seven hours yesterday to guide police to the locations of more victims' graves before being returned to her prison cell.

After spending a day on bleak Saddleworth Moor with Hindley, Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, who is leading the search, declared himself "not unhappy" about valuable information supplied about the search operation.

A massive security operation involving armed policemen was mounted and the area sealed off around Saddleworth Moor for 10 hours as Hindley walked the moors which she and former lover Ian Brady turned into an horrific killing ground.

Police were hopeful she would lead them to where Keith Bennett, aged 12, and

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Navy could lose £500m on frigate computer

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent
As a Cabinet committee prepares today to write off nearly £1 billion in taxpayers' money with the cancellation of the Nimrod project, the Ministry of Defence faces the possibility of losing another £500 million over a computer project for the Royal Navy.

GEC, the company involved in the Nimrod dispute, is one of 19 firms which is to bid for a multi-million pound contract for the command and control computer system for the Royal Navy's new Type 23 frigates, awarded to Ferranti Computer Systems more than a year ago.

The ministry has set aside the deal with Ferranti, of Bracknell, Berkshire, which employs 2,000 people, and has asked them and other companies to reopen the bidding. The reason given is that data processing technology has improved dramatically since the research part of the contract was first awarded almost seven years ago.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that "a new window of opportunity" had opened up, and it was essential that the Type 23 frigates should be equipped with the latest technology.

Ministry sources said that even if Ferranti did not win the contract again, the company's research and development work would be a "useful baseline", and the experience gained would be "invaluable".

The ministry would not provide any figures but industry sources estimated that the research and development work for Ferranti's CACS4 command and control system computer for the Type 23 frigates could be about £500 million. The computerised equipment interconnects the frigate's sensors, weapons and command system.

The production contract for five CACS4 computer systems, announced in September last year, was worth £17 million. Although the ministry decision was an unexpected blow for Ferranti,

company sources said they were not "too alarmed" and hoped to beat their new rivals to win the contract for a second time.

They said that one of the reasons for the change of heart was that there had been delays in ordering and building the Type 23 frigates.

Ferranti said that its CACS1 computer, fitted to HMS Boxer, HMS Brave and HMS Beaver, the Type 22 frigates, was working well. CACS2 and CACS3 had been overtaken by advances in technology, and CACS5 was being developed for the third batch of Type 22 frigates.

The 19 companies involved in the new tendering, which include the Marconi Company, part of GEC, Plessey and Thora EMI, were summoned to the Ministry of Defence for a Royal Navy presentation on November 28.

Ferranti fears that one of its biggest rivals will be the British consortium, Racal Gresham, which succeeded in winning the contract for the command systems for the Upholder class of diesel-powered submarine.

In announcing its contract with the Royal Navy last year, Ferranti said that its computer system was "extremely powerful and adaptable" and would be able to "accommodate future requirements".

The ministry spokesman said no decision had been taken on the future of the Ferranti CACS equipment.

Two US officials resign

From Michael Binyon
Washington
Senator Daniel Inouye, a Democrat from Hawaii, was yesterday named to head the special committee that will investigate the Iran affair.

Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, gave secret testimony in the Senate and two National Security Council (NSC) officials resigned.

Mr Howard Teicher, the senior adviser for political and military affairs, resigned for personal reasons, the White House said. He was in the same section as Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed NSC military adviser, but the White House said he was not Colonel North's immediate superior.

Mr Rodney McDaniel, the Executive Secretary of the NSC, also resigned.

Mr Teicher was due to testify yesterday. He was called to appear before congressional investigators last week, but refused to answer questions because he wanted more time to prepare.

White House spokesman, hinted that Mr Teicher's resignation was linked to the appointment of Mr Frank Carlucci as the new National Security Adviser. Mr Carlucci, said to be shocked by the mediocrity at the NSC, has made it clear he will "clean house", and has announced several new appointments.

President Reagan yesterday called on Senate investigators

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Printers to lose 'hundreds' of jobs

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent
The Daily Telegraph company announced last night that it was seeking hundreds of additional redundancies when it moves editorial and business operations to the Isle of Dogs, east London, next year and introduces direct input of editorial copy by journalists.

Redundancy terms offered to staff would be withdrawn unless the company received full co-operation and continuity of production, said Mr Andrew Knight, chief executive of the group, which publishes The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph.

Mr Knight refused to say how many staff would be made redundant, but acknowledged that the number was substantial.

Compositors, who are members of the National Graphical Association, are expected to be hard hit. Few of The Telegraph's 400 NGA compositors are expected to be retained after the newspaper moves to the new editorial and business headquarters.

Mr Knight said redundancy payments would be equal to four weeks of pay for every year of service.

If the unions did not co-operate or if their members disrupted production, the newspaper would be unable to offer payments above the

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Britain pulls off an EEC quotas coup

From Richard Owen, Brussels
With only two weeks to run of the British presidency of the EEC, Britain yesterday confounded gloomy predictions and pulled off a coup by achieving what a delighted Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, called "the most important measure of reform ever achieved in the Common Agricultural Policy".

Sir Geoffrey praised Mr Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, who after seven days of almost continuous talks secured agreement on cuts in both dairy and beef output, including a total 9 1/2 per cent cut in dairy output over two years.

This will take a million tonnes of milk out of production in the EEC and lead to the slaughter of 2 million cattle as a start is finally made in slashing the food mountains.

EEC officials said the CAP reform package was hedged about with conditions and qualifications, and there were many pitfalls ahead.

But they acknowledged that the cuts, which have until now repeatedly eluded farm ministers, were a major achievement. They include a 6 per cent cut in dairy quotas over two years.

Mr John Selwyn Gummer, the junior Agriculture Minister, speaking for Britain, said the measures were a major breakthrough which at last gave the EEC a basis for reducing the food mountains.

Mr Jopling described the meeting as an historic and epic one which had taken radical steps of the kind which had been needed for a long time.

EEC foreign ministers, who like the farm ministers have been holding their final session under the British presidency, urged the US to extend by one month its end-of-year deadline for retaliation against Europe in the looming farm trade war over an alleged drop in American food exports to the enlarged EEC.

The key to yesterday's agreement on both milk and

beef lay in compensation and pension arrangements for farmers whose output will fall or who may even go out of business. The dairy package retains the existing 2 per cent cut in quotas agreed in April and adds a 4 per cent quota suspension to take effect from April next year, with an additional 1 per cent coming from a tightening-up of the EEC super levy on surplus output. A further 2 1/2 per cent cut will follow in 1988.

Intervention - that is, guaranteed purchase by the EEC - of skimmed milk is suspended

for winter months, provided the commission takes "adequate measures to maintain market stability". But in a major qualification the ministers failed to adopt a commission proposal for suspension intervention for butter. The package will be reviewed if America, Australia and New Zealand fail to modify their own farm policies and put EEC exports at risk.

The farm ministers made no mention of disposal of existing food stocks, which is to be the subject of further talks. Instead, they con-

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Thatcher rejects GEC inquiry call

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor
The Prime Minister has finally turned down last minute appeals from Mr James Prior, the chairman of GEC and Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, for an independent inquiry into the relative merits of the GEC Nimrod and Boeing Awacs airborne early warning systems.

The Cabinet's defence and overseas policy committee will today make its decision between the two systems, and its verdict will be endorsed by the full Cabinet tomorrow.

There was no doubt in ministerial minds last night that the decision will be in favour of the American-built Boeing system, which was overwhelmingly backed a fortnight ago by the Defence Ministry's equipment policy committee.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, will make a statement on the Government's choice to MPs tomorrow afternoon.

With £960 million of taxpayers' money already spent on the Nimrod system, Ministers are anticipating a furious Opposition onslaught.

Tory MPs have been put on a three-line whip in anticipation of the Labour Party being granted an emergency debate.

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher said again and again that defence interests had to be paramount in the Government's decision.

The highly charged exchanges in the Commons were

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Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr T. Phillips of Streatham, London. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 29; how to play, information service, page 22.

Tory selected

Mr Paul Leighton, aged 35, a newsreader on BBC 2, has been adopted as Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Derby South.

Table with 3 columns: Home News, Overseas, Arts, Births, deaths, marriages, Business, Court, Crosswords, Diary, Features. Includes sub-sections like Law Report, Leaders, Letters, Obituary, Parliament, Property, Safe Room, Sport, Theatres, etc.

NEWS SUMMARY

# Longer jail term for solvent seller

The first shopkeeper jailed in England for selling solvents to a teenage boy, who later died after a mammoth sniffing session, not only lost his appeal against the conviction yesterday but also had his prison sentence increased by a month.

Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, a newsagent in Southwark, south London, had appealed against his conviction for supplying Lee Kendall, aged 14, of Bournemouth, with bottles of Tipp-Ex typewriter fluid thinner. He had faced two charges, the first to be brought successfully under the 1985 Supply of Intoxicating Substances Act and was jailed for three months.

Although the Inner London Crown Court accepted that the thinner bought from Patel were not the direct cause of the teenager's death, Judge Shindler said the defendant plainly knew that Lee was a boy of only 14 and pointed out that the newsagent had been prepared to accept the boy's old radio and tape recorder as barter payment.

## Tie-break Visits to homes up in chess

In the final round of the Kleinwort Greaveson British Chess Championship play-off, Jon Speelman, the current champion, won a hard fought game against Jonathan Mestel, allowing him to catch Murray Chandler.

Speelman and Chandler will play two games today in which they will have half an hour each to complete the game. The tie-breaker begins at 2.30pm in room 100 of the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London. The winner will receive £2,000.

A sharp and unexpected increase in the numbers of visitors to privately owned historic houses and gardens was reported yesterday by the Historic Houses Association.

The average increase was 11.5 per cent, in spite of some of the best known attractions experiencing a fall in the number of visitors from the United States. Some smaller houses and gardens, which do not rely on overseas tourists, had a particularly good summer, despite poor weather.

## Murders cash plea

The Home Office is giving "urgent" consideration to requests for £250,000 to computerize three child murder inquiries after an appeal last week from six chief constables.

Police from West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northumbria, Lothian and Borders, and Staffordshire want to transfer information from their present computers and manual indexes to Holmes (Home Office Large Major Inquiry System) to establish whether a single person killed Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Hogg, aged five, and Sarah Harper, aged 10.

## Penniless Denny

Denny Laine, aged 42, the pop musician, told the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday that he was paid £135,000 by McCartney Productions for the remainder of his share of the hit song *The Mull of Kintyre*, which he had written with Paul McCartney, after he left the group Wings in 1980.

He disputed £20,000 of his £76,035 alleged debts and estimated that the claims against him will amount to £56,035, of which about £53,000 was for income tax. He said that he had no assets.



## 'Share shops' failure

The City Investment Centre, which first brought "share shops" to high streets, was wound up in the High Court yesterday on the application of the Government.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies granted the order to the Department of Trade and Industry on the grounds that the company was "hopelessly insolvent".

He said the company accounts were "seriously inadequate", but it was apparent from them that it was insolvent to the extent of possibly £1,204,000. A provisional liquidator had been appointed after complaints.

## Industry plans offensive on Labour policy

A £500,000 campaign against the Labour Party is being planned for the new year by Aims of Industry, the free enterprise pressure group (Our Political Correspondent writes).

The national offensive, timed to coincide with the run up to the general election, will be paid for by big business and clash with Labour's attempts to highlight the Government's alleged lack of credibility. Aims of Industry says: "Despite the veneer of moderation painted on by present Labour leaders, the party has never been so left."

"We are faced with the policies of large-scale nationalization; the destruction of trade union legislation that has reduced industrial anarchy and protected trade unionists; an assault on savings and pensions; a soaring rise in taxation; a return to inflation; a reduction in investment in Britain by overseas companies; the control of business by Liverpool-style and GLC-style local authorities."

Mr Michael Ivens, director of Aims of Industry, which ran a similar campaign in 1983, said yesterday: "We feel Labour policies are very dangerous to free enterprise."

## 'Phone-taps' on MPs to be investigated

The Speaker of the House of Commons agreed last night to look into new allegations of MPs' telephones being tapped (Our Political Correspondent writes).

His decision came after Mr Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, quoted from a letter which gave details of how special eavesdropping equipment was installed when the Whitehall telephone system was recently modernized.

The MP said that the letter had "most disturbing implications". "The writer makes very specific technical statements about the means of intercepting telephone calls made by Honourable Members. He states the location of the building which houses this massive equipment."

"The writer claims all these installations were mounted a few weeks after MPs received push-button rather than dial telephones."

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, told MPs he would look into the matter. In a Commons written answer last week, Mrs Margaret Thatcher repeated the statements of previous Prime Ministers to confirm that the Government did not intercept MPs' communications.

# Baker orders Brent to drop McGoldrick case

By John Clare  
Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in what he described as the "very unusual use of a severe power", yesterday ordered Brent council not to take any further proceedings against Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the head teacher accused of having made a racist remark.

Mr Baker told the council that under Section 68 of the 1944 Education Act he was satisfied, "that no reasonable authority, having regard to all

the circumstances of the case, would decide to impose any further disciplinary penalty on Miss McGoldrick even if the allegation against her were to be substantiated."

Mr Baker said in a statement: "I want to emphasize that my action in no way condones, let alone defends, racial discrimination. But I cannot help reflecting that when so-called anti-racism shows that disregard for justice and tolerance which it purports to fight, it defeats its own purpose."

He believed Miss McGoldrick had suffered enough.

"She was suspended for a number of months and has been subjected to a great deal of stress. I think it would be unreasonable to continue to pursue the matter."

Mr Baker said that before deciding to issue the directive, he had to take very great care to give Brent every opportunity to justify its action. "If they do not accept my direction I will seek to enforce compliance in the courts. I shall be happy to meet any legal challenge from Brent."

Miss Merle Amory, leader of the council, said she was disappointed that Mr Baker should have "bowed to political pressure within his own party" and so prevailed on Brent from "carrying out its racial equality policies". She described his action as an "attack on a borough with a large black population".

On Monday, Miss McGoldrick won a High Court injunction preventing Brent from proceeding with a disciplinary hearing until her application for a judicial review of its actions had been

heard early in the New Year. Mr Baker said he thought that action would now fall away.

The allegation against Miss McGoldrick, which she has always denied, is that she told a council official she did not want any more black teachers at Sudbury Infants School. She was suspended on July 18.

On August 26, the school governors decided unanimously that there was no evidence to substantiate the allegation. But she was not reinstated until November 5, after winning the backing of

the High Court. Two weeks later, the decision was overturned by the Court of Appeal, which ruled that Brent did have the right to hold a disciplinary hearing, even though Miss McGoldrick had been cleared by her governors.

Giving judgement, the Master of the Rolls said: "I cannot believe the local authority will proceed with the disciplinary hearing." Agreeing, Lord Justice Nichols said: "Some of the authority's recent treatment of Miss McGoldrick has been unhappy almost to the point of being oppressive."

# Contractors to run jail remand centres

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is expected to announce the setting up of privately-run remand centres next year to relieve the pressure on overcrowded prisons.

The proposal is for security firms, under licence to the Home Office, to be paid an allowance for each remand prisoner, with strict guidelines on security, care and accommodation. The centres will probably be Government-owned and leased.

The Commons home affairs select committee is due to report in March on an investigation into the prison service. It is expected to warn of the dangers of crowding prisoners into cramped and often insanitary cells.

Most committee members are likely to support the idea of "privatized" prisons, after their autumn trip to a variety of prisons, state and privately-run, in the United States.

However, they will be opposed by the Prison Officers' Association and Labour MPs. Lord Glenarthur, the former Home Office Minister with responsibility for the prison services, was ready to follow in the committee's footsteps but, with his cases packed, was shuffled to the Scottish Office.

His successor, Lord Cairness, who is known to be enthusiastic about privately-managed prisons, plans to examine the US system next year with a top prison governor after receiving the committee's report.

The main attraction of "privatized" centres is to take away the burden of housing prisoners awaiting trial or sentence, who make up more than one in five of the present prison population, from state prisons. Ministers also hope it will lead to a more cost-effective service.

If the "privatized" remand centres are successful, the Government is keen to hand over to private firms the running of other prisons for specific groups, such as women, young people or those with drug or drink problems.

A precedent was set when a security firm was brought in this autumn to stop uncles and immigrants absconding from detention.

At the end of October, the prison population stood at 47,321, of which 10,220 were untried or awaiting sentence. This compares with the average prison population in 1975 of 39,820, of which 4,509 were untried or un-sentenced.

Prison accommodation was built to house 41,000 inmates, although 16 new prisons are planned for the 1990s. From April 1 three pilot schemes will be run in Avon and Somerset, Kent and the West Midlands to limit the time a prisoner can be kept in custody awaiting trial. This is aimed at cutting the number of people kept in custody, as well as speeding up their cases, and is likely to be adopted nationally eventually.

# Hospitals to tighten guard on prisoners

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

New instructions have been given to prison governors to tighten up methods of guarding top security prisoners taken to outside hospitals.

This comes after an inquiry by Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, into the escape of Alan Knowlden from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, last April.

Three or four armed men wearing balaclava-style helmets attacked prison staff and escaped with the prisoner, who has not been recaptured. Knowlden had been removed to Wormwood Scrubs prison, west London, charged with two attempts of murder and had been removed to the hospital for a nose operation. Sir James said the escape represented "a grave breach of prison security".

The report said: "Knowlden was a dangerous prisoner with a long history who had been placed in the top security

category. He was being held on a charge of attempted murder and while in prison had proved difficult and subversive. He had twice assaulted an officer. He was also regarded by the police as violent and likely to escape."

Knowlden was able to take advantage of his transfer to St Mary's Hospital to inform his family and friends, and through them his accomplices, of his exact location in the hospital and how and by whom he was being guarded. The report said that prison instructions were designed to ensure that transfers to public hospitals were made only as a last resort. "In the case of Knowlden, the instructions were not followed."

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, has accepted Sir James's recommendations. *Report of an inquiry into the Escape of Alan Richard Knowlden (HM Chief Inspector of Prisons: Stationery Office: £4.10).*

# Government orders probe into community care

By Jill Sherman

The Government has asked Sir Roy Griffiths, the Prime Minister's adviser on the health service, to undertake a review of community care.

The announcement comes after a report by the Audit Commission accused the Government of wasting the £6 billion spent on care for the mentally ill, the mentally handicapped and the elderly.

The commission said an urgent review was needed otherwise those groups would be left without care and at serious risk. Sir Roy, who is also deputy

chairman of the NHS management board, will tackle many of the issues raised by the commission, including the anomaly whereby social security benefits are encouraging people to go into residential care when they may be better off in their own homes.

He will also assess whether funds channelled through the health service, social services and social security provide value for money and meet individual needs.

Announcing the 12-month review in the Commons yesterday, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social

Services, said that community care, which involved keeping people out of hospital, was a key element in the Government's strategy for the health service, social services and social security.

It was important that the social security system was sensitive to individual requirements. "But it is equally important that the system should operate naturally and not distort individual choice. Given the sharp rise in expenditure on residential care in recent years, we need to see whether the system

is operating sensibly and fairly."

One of Sir Roy's main tasks would be to see how the cost of residential care and other group accommodation compared to that of care at home. Mr Fowler said. The audit report showed that the cost of caring for frail elderly women could vary from £97 to £294 a week, depending on the type of care.

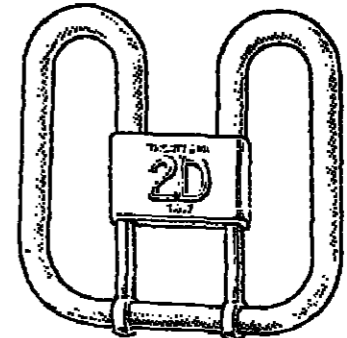
Mr Fowler emphasized that there was considerable variation in the way funds were managed in different parts of the country.

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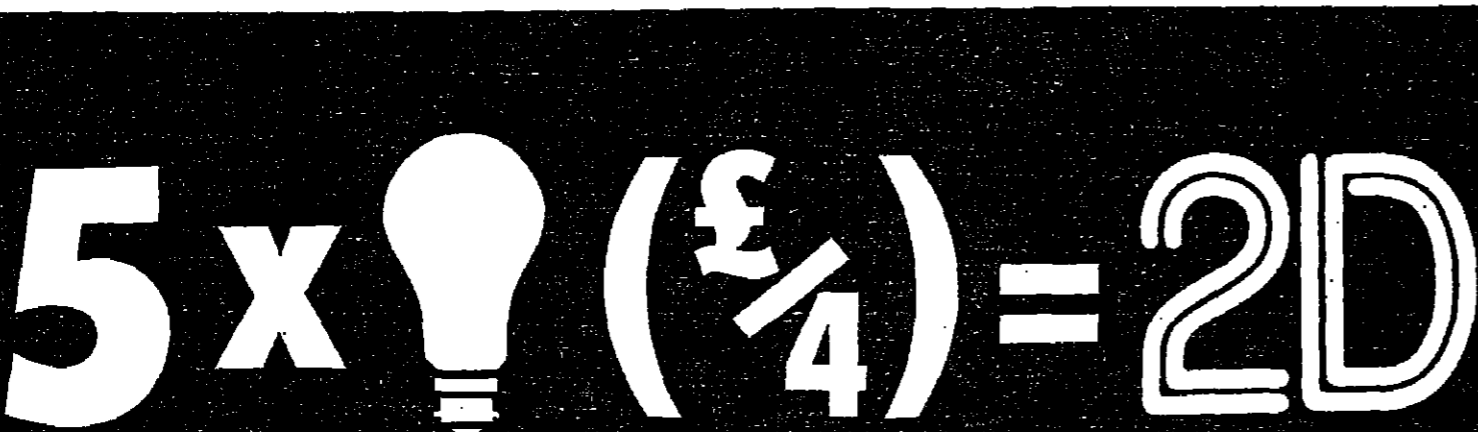
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# 'Irrational' fears on transplants pose a threat to patients

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The lives of many thousands of patients are being jeopardized by "irrational and unfounded" allegations about the conduct of transplant teams, the president of the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday.

Sir Raymond Hoffenberg said that such allegations could lead to a severe cut-back in the public response to the need for donor organs to save adults and children who would otherwise die.

Sir Raymond is chairman of a newly-formed working party which will investigate the medical ethics of taking donor hearts and other organs from newborn anencephalic infants.

Such children, born without a brain, inevitably die either during birth or shortly afterwards, he said. But recent publicity about their role in transplant operations cast unpleasant doubts over the whole question of such surgery.

The Department of Health has asked Sir Raymond to launch an investigation into the ethical issues of grafting anencephalic babies' organs into other infants born with life-threatening conditions.

Surgeons at Harefield Hospital, west London, recently carried out such a heart transplant, believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. The recipient, a baby aged 17 weeks, died two days after the operation.

The operation coincided with renewed debate about the definition of brain-death in potential organ donors.

"Many thousands of grieving relatives will no doubt have been deeply troubled by such ill-informed comments and many more may have second thoughts about agreeing to transplants," Sir Raymond said.

"The public must be reassured that there is no question of doctors or surgeons placing the survival of any patient second to the possibility of that patient's organs being used after death for transplantation.

"There is no possibility of organs being taken from a patient who is still alive. This is an outmoded and idiosyncratic view held by a very small minority. We will not allow the need for organs, however urgent, to influence normal medical judgement of the condition of a living patient."

Sir Raymond is also chairman of the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties, which in 1976 published criteria for determining death in patients from whom organs might be removed.

In spite of regular reviews of the criteria, there was "not a shred of evidence" to suggest the guidelines should be amended, Sir Raymond said.

More than 1,000 cases in whom brain-death had been established had been followed up, showing that the heart stopped beating in all cases, in spite of continued measures to prolong life.

## Law chief attacks BBC reporting

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, yesterday accused the BBC of deliberately attacking the integrity of the criminal justice system.

After dismissing an appeal by Mrs Margaret Livesey, a mother of three, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of her son, Lord Lane replied to criticism over the reporting of the appeal on the BBC2 *Out of Court* programme last week.

Sitting with Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown, Lord Lane said that they had watched a video recording of the programme after it had been drawn to their attention.

"We came to the conclusion it consisted of a deliberate attack on the integrity and reliability of the criminal justice system of this country," Lord Lane said.

He said they accepted that there was nothing to stop the BBC or anyone else from mounting such an attack. "But the programme was based on a series of false assumptions and inaccuracies of fact. One would have thought one was entitled to expect something more responsible than this from the British Broadcasting Corporation."

Last December Lord Lane criticized the BBC *Rough Justice* programme for "outrageous" investigation methods involving the case of Mr John Mycock, who was jailed for five years for robbery with violence. Doubts raised by the programme helped to make his conviction "unsatisfactory" and Lord Lane freed him immediately.

The judges ruled yesterday that Mrs Livesey, aged 50, must serve a life sentence imposed at Preston Crown Court in 1979 for the murder of her son, Alan, who was aged 14.

Mrs Livesey, who denied the murder, claimed that the police had put words in her mouth and bullied her into making a confession, which she later retracted.

Lord Lane said there was sufficient evidence for the jury to decide that she was guilty. "We have considered all the matters and we are not of the view that this conviction was in any way unsatisfactory."

He said that further evidence, some of it from the *Rough Justice* programme, had not helped strengthen her case. "The more evidence which was adduced before us, the more we became convinced that the verdict of the jury was correct," he said.

## Prison for couple who scalded girl in bath

A mother who plunged her daughter aged two into a scalding bath because she messed her pants was jailed for six and a half years yesterday.

The woman's former boyfriend was also jailed for six years for his part in inflicting 45 per cent burns on the child, who is now scarred for life.

Linda Gregory and Derek Humphries delayed taking the girl to hospital for more than an hour and a half while they plotted to make it look like an accident.

Judge Paiba said it was one of the worst cases of inflicting grievous bodily harm that he had ever come across.

He told Gregory, aged 23, and Humphries, aged 22, "if it wasn't for the devotion and

skill of those at the hospital your child would have died.

By the time they finally took the youngster to hospital, doctors said she had only 10 or 15 minutes to live. "That was a pretty cold-blooded thing to do," Judge Paiba said.

Humphries, a heating engineer, and Gregory, both of Kennington Lane, Kennington, south London, had denied causing grievous bodily harm with intent and neglect.

But at an earlier hearing at Southwark Crown Court in south London, a jury found them guilty of previous bodily harm, without intent, and guilty of the neglect charge.

The couple had been remanded in custody for reports prior to sentencing.

## Postwoman kept saucy seaside cards

A part-time postwoman who refused to deliver three saucy seaside postcards because she said she thought they were pornographic, was jailed by magistrates at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

Margaret Kenny, aged 21, of Micklefield Road, High Wycombe, kept the postcards showing topless beach beauties in her own bedroom.

When she was questioned about the missing mail, she admitted opening other packages "because I am nosy".

The magistrates sentenced her to seven days in prison for not delivering the three postcards and for opening 19 postal packages. Kenny, who admitted the two charges, blamed her actions on pre-menstrual tension.

Mr Roger Williams, for the prosecution, said that Kenny was questioned and her home was searched. "In her bedroom three picture postcards were found which had been due for delivery by her. She said she had refused to deliver the postcards because she considered them pornographic.

"They are of a type quite commonly sent from seaside resorts. Although they may not be in the best of taste they don't contravene the Post Office Act."

## Police suspensions a 'waste' of money

The suspension of five senior police officers, on basic pay, after a verdict of "unlawful killing" by the jury at the inquest into the death of Mr John Mikkelsen, a Hell's Angel, was a complete waste of public money, their counsel told the High Court yesterday.

Mr Mikkelsen died in hospital, in July last year, shortly after a struggle during his arrest in Bedford, west London, in which he was hit on the head with a truncheon.

Eight officers of the Metropolitan Police are involved in the attempt, in the High Court, to have the "unlawful killing" verdict of March 27

this year quashed and a new inquest ordered.

The jury at West London coroner's court found that Mr Mikkelsen, aged 34, had been unlawfully killed and they attributed his death to "the degree of care after he was overpowered".

Counsel for the officers claim that the finding was not supported by the evidence and that the coroner's directions to the jury on the meaning of unlawful killing and on the standard of proof necessary to return such a verdict were wrong.

The hearing continues.



Mr John Aspinall, owner of Howletts and Port Lympne zoos, Kent, with a bronze by William Tansy, the sculptor, of a male gorilla and his daughter. They are among items from Mr Aspinall's collection of wild life art being exhibited at the Guildhall Art Gallery, London, until Friday, in aid of Sumatran rhinoceros conservation (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Aids in Ireland

### Government defies church

The Irish government is to ignore criticisms from Roman Catholic clergy when it launches an anti-Aids campaign which will advise people to use condoms.

Mr Barry Desmond, Minister for Health, whose reform of the public's family planning laws brought him into conflict with the hierarchy, has bluntly told the clergy "this is a public health matter".

He said: "The use of condoms is an integral part of all Aids campaigns."

Public discussion of contraception remains a delicate issue in the republic, but advertisements on television, radio and in newspapers will advise people with more than one sexual partner to use condoms as a means of affording some protection against the virus.

The campaign against the disease, which will be launched next month, will emphasize the importance of staying with one partner as well as the dangers of promiscuity.

The campaign's promotion

## Symphony is a riot of music

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Scenes of barely restrained musical anarchy, featuring sirens competing with a harpsichord and violinists brandishing fists in mock anger at the conductor, are about to be unveiled at the Festival Hall in London.

The erratic mixture of classical, jazz and rock themes that constitute Alfred Schnittke's First Symphony is to be given its British premiere by the BBC Symphony Orchestra tonight - provided the conductor, Gennady Rozhdestvensky, can keep the musicians under control.

Schnittke, Russia's leading contemporary composer, appeared unperturbed by the sight of the entire string section walking off stage during rehearsals yesterday.

"It is all part of the work," he explained. "My aim is to reconcile the serious with the absurd."

The symphony begins with the musicians walking on to the platform playing anything they like, then joining forces to produce a furious crescendo until they are silenced by frantic waving of the conductor's baton.

Rozhdestvensky gives a passable imitation of a referee ordering off players in a rowdy football team.

Arthur Price, the principal second violinist, said he believed the work was written more for the audience than the orchestra.

"There will be something to look at all the time. We extemporize a lot, and at one point we kind of go over the top and the conductor tries to shut us up. The horns are good at blowing raspberries."

Mr Price said he admired Rozhdestvensky's direction, in achieving order out of apparent chaos, "although sometimes knowing where you are in the score is quite difficult".

He is not alone. A horn player wandering off-stage during the third movement was overheard to ask a colleague: "What do we do now?"

## GP's note spoke of suicide

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A letter from "beyond the grave" told the relatives of a family doctor of her plan to commit suicide, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The letter, written by Dr Ruby Bakhsh from her holiday home in Spain, did not arrive in India until after her death in January, 1983.

Her husband, Dr John Bakhsh, of Bickley Road, Bromley, south-east London, denies murdering her with a morphine overdose so he could marry his new lover, Madhu.

Three years later, a jury has been told, he allegedly tried to murder Madhu because he stood to inherit more than £250,000 if she died. He allegedly drugged her, slit her throat and left her to die.

His first wife's sister, Mrs Janet Williams, said Ruby had written to her saying: "I am fed up and I am going to commit suicide."

Mrs Williams, a nursing sister in India, said she no longer had the letter. "I tore it up because it made me cry."

The case continues today.

## Court frees jailed victim of rapist

### victim of rapist

A rape victim, who was jailed for six months in October for wounding her attacker, was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Alison Darby, aged 20, of Reservoir Road, Rowley Regis, Warley, Birmingham, was placed on probation for three years.

The court was told that the man who raped her, Abdul Rashid, a neighbour, was jailed for 18 months in October 1985.

He was released after serving six months and moved back into a block of flats near where Darby lived.

Over the next four or five weeks, Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said Rashid taunted her, made rude gestures and made comments to his friends every time he saw her.

At the end of May, Darby's former boyfriend, Alan Holt, aged 20, Robert Wilson, aged 20, and Dennis Fowkes, aged 24, attacked Rashid and Darby joined in. Their victim needed stitches but was not seriously hurt.

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown, agreed that Darby was not the ringleader of the attack.

Replying to criticism that Rashid was freed on parole after serving only six months, Lord Lane said the lowering of the parole threshold meant that nowadays about 78 per cent of all those sentenced to between nine and 18 months were released on parole after six months.

He also said that the sentence on Rashid for rape was passed four months before the Court of Appeal set out guidelines on rape sentencing.

"Had the judge sentencing Rashid had these before him, there is no doubt the sentence would have been longer," he said.

## Church court considers merits of Moore altar

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Mr Boydell criticized Chancellor George Newsom, of the London Diocesan consistory court, for failing to appreciate the "beauty" of the sculpture in his ruling against the siting of the altar last February.

It was clear from Chancellor Newsom's judgment that he had "been shocked by the size of the altar and its unconventional shape," Mr Boydell said.

Referring to notes made by the chancellor about witnesses called before the consistory court to testify in favour of the altar, Mr Boydell said that those showed that he had not

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taken kindly to the evidence submitted by Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. "This is a most arrogant and unpleasant witness," he had written of Sir Roy.

Mr Justice Gibson said: "This is a most unusual case of candour on the part of a notetaker which I think is admirable." It was not the sort of remark he would have written down, he added.

Later Mr Justice Lloyd, chairman of the bench, said that he would be attending a dining club where Sir Roy was a guest. He hoped that Mr

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Spencer Marmice, counsel for the Archdeacon of London, who had opposed the altar, would not object. "Not at all," came the reply.

The case continues today.

## Prison party for children

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Inmates of Nottingham Prison yesterday held a Christmas party for handicapped local schoolchildren, with one of the prisoners dressed up as Santa Claus.

## Portfolio Gold Winner to take long journey

A retired property manager is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Trevor Phillips, aged 73, from south-east London, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times* since it has been a reader for the past 40 years.

"I am very thrilled indeed. Christmas is a great time to win something," he said.

When asked how he intended spending the prize money, Mr Phillips said: "I will visit my relations in New Zealand next summer."

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold, *The Times*, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

## Pathologist accused in death case

A pathologist was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court yesterday accused of inciting a person to obstruct a coroner by breaking the neck of a dead woman.

Dr Albert Goodfellow, of Ascot Avenue, Ealing, west London, is further accused of perverting the course of justice on the same date, July 2. He was committed for trial on bail from Hendon Magistrates' Court, north-west London.

The woman, Mrs Selma Spitz, aged 84, died at an old people's home in East Finchley on June 25.

## Rape attack on schoolgirl

A hunt was launched in Bristol yesterday for a man who raped a teenage schoolgirl.

The girl was seized as she began to walk home across wasteland at Abbotswood, Yat, and thrown against the wall of a school.

## Sewern Bridge tolls to rise

The legal battle by county councils in South Wales to stop toll increases on the Severn Bridge was lost in the House of Lords yesterday.

A committee of law lords refused the councils' leave to appeal against a Court of Appeal decision allowing Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, to implement increases aimed at raising an additional £3.6 million a year. The new rates are likely to be imposed soon.

## Belts come off in crime fight

West Midlands police are to receive redesigned uniforms without belts or full epaulettes, which can be held on to by attackers, because of increasing number of assaults on officers.

The 6,500 officers will be given the choice of a thick Nato-style jumper or special jackets. The jumpers have lightweight epaulettes which can be torn away easily.

## Drug mother's custody plea

A woman heroin addict, aged 32, yesterday failed to regain custody of her daughter, aged 15, who had asked to be taken into care.

Newbury Juvenile Court, Buckinghamshire, was told that the mother had asked her daughter to inject her with heroin and to help collect drugs from Reading station.

## Farm profit

A 47-acre farm bought for £300 in 1924, American Cottage Farm at Ruskington, Lincolnshire, was sold for £154,000.

## Wogan and Aspel top Radio 2 at Christmas

Terry Wogan is returning to Radio 2, for the first time since he began his television series, to host a two-hour show on Christmas Day.

Michael Aspel is also among the list of stars who will have special shows during the Christmas and New Year holiday period. He will be back at the BBC for the first time since he left his job as a television news reader to broadcast on commercial radio.

Others with their own holiday shows on the network include Paul Nicholas, Angela Rippon, Gerald Harper, Adrian Love and Teddy Johnson, the BBC announced yesterday.

Among the Radio 2 regulars, Gloria Hunniford will be taking a look at the last-minute shopping rush at Harrods, and will also host a Christmas party at the Queen Mary's Hospital for children in Surrey.

Derek Jameson, takes to the streets of the east London borough of Hackney, where he grew up, in a coach and four during his breakfast show and Ken Bruce will be going home for a special Hegmannay show from Glasgow.

Cliff Richard, Dana, Mary O'Hara and Alvin Stardust will star in a concert on Christmas Day, introduced by Roy Castle, and there will also be concerts by Alan Price, James Galway, and Ralph McTell.

A new musical, called *In With The Old*, with a vintage cast including Richard Murdoch, Evelyn Laye, Elizabeth Welch and Dora Bryan, is also to be broadcast on Christmas Day.

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PARLIAMENT

Rate system being worked illegally, Ridley tells House

The way the Government has been operating the rate-support system in recent years has been found to be unlawful and an urgent Bill is to be introduced to rectify the position.

That admission from Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Environment, was greeted with cries of derision from Opposition MPs, who frequently interrupted his statement.

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Mr John Cunningham: Attack on 'Tory shambles'.

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Mr Nicholas Ridley admitting to the Commons that it is a fair cop.

Defence needs are central

The Prime Minister insisted in the Commons that the defence requirements must be paramount in the decision on whether to order the GEC airborne early warning system or the Boeing AEW system.

Benefit must go to those who qualify

The Government was trying to ensure that unemployment benefit was always paid to those who qualified for it and was introducing measures such as the re-start scheme to steer people wanting jobs back into work.

PRIME MINISTER

EMPLOYMENT

Adjourment debate

Police strength up by 15,000

Mr Kinnoch said the strong reasons were that the cabinet should get an early warning system which had to be dependable and at a cost and in a time necessary for national priorities.

To fight an ever-rising tide of crime the Government had increased the police strength by 15,000 since 1979, supplied them and the courts with enhanced powers and had provided many additional resources.

CRIME

Housing 'history of neglect'

The evidence of the past seven years of neglect and decay in Britain's housing stock proved the Government to have been shocking housekeepers, Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L) said early today during the all-night adjournment debate.

Nato would suffer under Labour

For Britain unilaterally to disengage itself from Nato to the core and damage Nato's flexible-response strategy as well as the unity of the alliance, Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said during the adjournment debate.

MP says phones may be tapped

A man privy to the modernization of the telephone network covering the Whitehall area had claimed that equipment had been installed to eavesdrop on MPs' telephone calls both inside and outside the House.

Minister became obsessed by battle

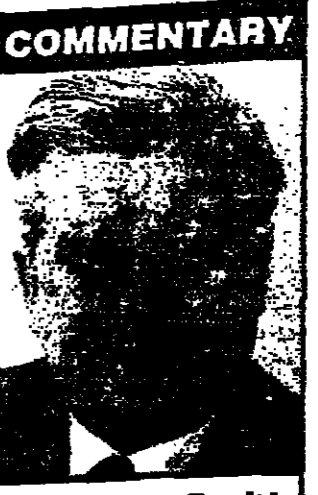
I do not go along with those who place all the blame for Westland on Mr Heseltine's shoulders. He became ultimately obsessed by the struggle and his resignation was a tactical blunder.

Case will not be accepted on trust

That is a strong case. If accepted, it ought to be conclusive. There could be no justification for encumbering our forces with inferior equipment on grounds of sentiment, national prestige or even industrial advantage.

Peace support

Mr Timothy Eggar, a junior Foreign Office minister, reaffirmed during the debate that the Government saw a political solution as the only way of restoring peace in Central America. Its position was one of support for the Contadora peace process.



Geoffrey Smith

Will the Government look back on 1986 as the year of the terrible tribble: Westland, British Leyland and now Nimrod? This latest controversy has many of the same features as the other two.

There are, however, differences between this fracas and the others. Westland became such a devastating crisis for the Government because one powerful and determined minister was not prepared to be corralled by the familiar instruments of prime ministerial authority.

There would be an overwhelming majority both in Parliament and in the country for Nimrod if it could be shown to be just as cost-effective as AEWs. It would be more acceptable politically and in terms of British industrial strategy.

Mr Freeman said the Labour Party pointed out that the United Kingdom contributed an insignificant percentage to the West's missile defence. That might be true, but Polaris and Trident packed a very powerful punch.

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# New runway needed for European expansion

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Greater competition among Europe's airlines could lead to an urgent demand for another runway to be built at an airport in the south-east of England.

Sir Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports Authority said yesterday that a long-term study of future demand for runway capacity was now taking place and although Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted are able to cope with the demand at present, a decision will have to be taken, within the next two or three years, on whether to build more capacity. "A further runway will depend on the success, or otherwise, of the campaign for liberalization (of routes) within Europe which could hasten the demand for landing slots," he said.

Sir Norman was presenting BAA's half-yearly accounts which showed that concessions sold to shopkeepers, along with duty-free and tax-free sales, had kept profits near £100 million in spite of a drop in passengers at some airports last summer.

But the long-term problem of how to cope with the growing demand for air travel has yet to be resolved and is bound to lead to increasingly bitter debate.

Already the Air Transport Users Committee and various airlines are demanding a clear decision to provide another runway and environmental groups are raising strong objections.

The Civil Aviation Authority is studying the entire problem and is to produce a report next year into the long-term needs. It is almost certain to recommend that more capacity for aircraft to land and take off at airports in the South-east should be found.



Mrs Katrina Smith and her daughter, Barbara, with the medical team who saved the baby's life (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

## Baby doing well after rare operation in womb

A mother hugged her baby daughter yesterday and spoke of the rare operation that saved the child's life.

Barbara Smith, now a month old, would have died from acute anaemia had she not been given life-saving blood transfusions while still inside her mother's womb.

The highly delicate operation, which has a high rate of failure, was carried out by surgeons who transfused the

blood through the unborn baby's umbilical cord.

It was so successful that Barbara, although born prematurely and weighing only four pounds, will be able to lead a normal life.

Mrs Katrina Smith, aged 30, the girl's mother, said: "I had no hesitation in deciding to have the treatment, although I was worried at the outcome."

## Reducing nitrates in drinking water would cost £200m

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Compliance with the EEC directive on the nitrate content of drinking water supplies would cost at least £200 million, a report published yesterday by a Government working party states.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, told the Commons that the Government was considering the report and its recommendations.

About one million people, mainly in East Anglia, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, regularly receive water which exceeds the EEC limit of 50 milligrams a litre, and one small public supply exceeds 80 milligrams a litre.

But the report points out that nitrate concentrations in all public water supplies are at present within the limits considered acceptable by the Government's medical advisers.

There have been increases in nitrate concentrations in a number of water sources during the past two or three decades, and this trend is expected to continue, particularly in parts of eastern and central England.

In drier arable areas some groundwaters in unconfined aquifers already exceed 100 milligrams, and many more are predicted to do so.

"A policy of restricting nitrate concentrations in all public supplies to below 50 milligrams a litre would have major implications for the water industry."

"Water undertakers estimate that immediate capital expenditure of £50 million would be needed and, if long-term trends continued, a further £150 million within 20 years."

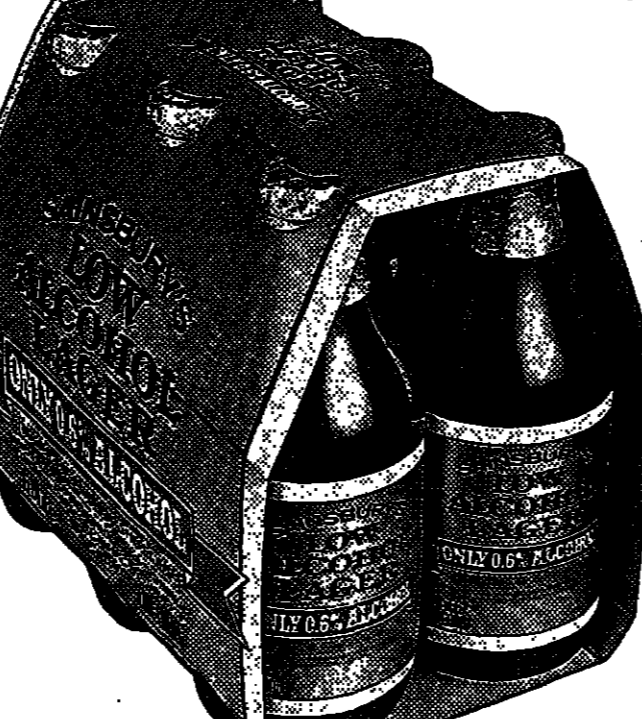
By the end of that period running costs would be about £10 million a year.

The report, by the Nitrate Co-ordination Group, established last year by the Department of the Environment with support from the Ministry of Agriculture, says there is little evidence that nitrate concentrations are causing ecological harm in rivers, estuaries or the sea.

Among the measures which it says should be encouraged, in problem areas, which would have minimum effects on farm profitability, are a ban on the use of nitrogen fertilizer between mid-September and mid-February, the planting of autumn-sown crops in preference to spring-sown crops, and the planting of winter cereals as early as possible.

Nitrate in Water (The Nitrate Co-ordination Group, Pollution Paper No. 26, 1986, Stationery Office, £6.30).

# Sainsbury's announce pint-sized prices for Christmas.



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Sainsbury's Rutland Bitter 2 Ltr	£1.95
Sainsbury's Sparkling Cider 75cl	£1.25
Babycham 4 x 100ml	£1.39



Skona Lager 4 x 440ml £1.15



98p Sainsbury's Light Ale 4 x 275ml



£1.49 Sainsbury's Medium Dry Strong Cider 2 Ltr

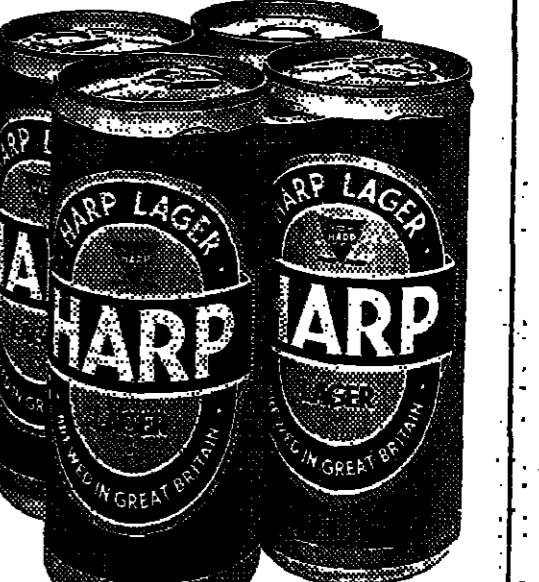


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## Criminal violence claims build up

By Peter Evans

The backlog of unresolved applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which was above 50,000 during the year, is causing concern, its annual report said yesterday. The result was unacceptable delays and was due to a severe staff shortage.

Since March, the end of the year covered by the report, the board has been told there is to be a large increase in staff. It hopes that in 1987-88 it will prove possible to start reducing the backlog.

The board reports 39,697 new applications during the year, an increase of 13.8 per cent over the previous year.

The compensation paid to victims of crimes in 1985-86 totalled £41.5 million, the highest amount paid out in any one year since the scheme started and an increase of 17.8 per cent over 1984-85.

The highest award of the year, £175,809, was paid to a mini-cab driver who, in July 1982, was confronted by a gang of hooligans behaving aggressively and abusively. The driver spoke to them and was then savagely attacked, punched and kicked to

the ground and then kicked as he lay defenceless. He suffered severe injuries and did not leave hospital until July 1983. His condition subsequently deteriorated and he is now very seriously disabled.

Two of his assailants were apprehended: one was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and the other to a period of borstal training. Many of the incidents occur at weekends and often in places and situations which the victim might have avoided had he or she been sober or not willing to run some kind of risk.

In some cases the most that can be levelled against the victim is his or her own stupidity or lack of judgement. Occasionally it is plain that the incident occurred solely because of the victim's own aggressive behaviour and sometimes the person making the application has previous convictions for violence.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, 22nd Report, Crand No 42 (Stationery Office, £5.00).

## £275,000 damages for sister

A man who lives with his sister is to pay her damages of £275,000, awarded in the High Court yesterday, after a road crash which left her paralyzed.

Miss Anne Lutman-Johnson, aged 24, an artiled clerk, was a rear-seat passenger in a car driven by her brother, William, which went out of control and hit a wall then a tree between Chedworth and Yanworth, Gloucestershire, in June 1984.

Mr Robin Stewart, QC, for Miss Lutman-Johnson, told Mr Justice French that she had suffered spinal injuries which have confined her to a wheelchair.

The damages and costs of the action are to be paid by Mr Lutman-Johnson, who lives with his sister at Woodman-cote, Lodsworth, Petworth, West Sussex. He had denied liability.

## £1m fraud charges

A former bank manager and three of his clients were committed for trial yesterday on 44 fraud and corruption charges involving nearly a million pounds.

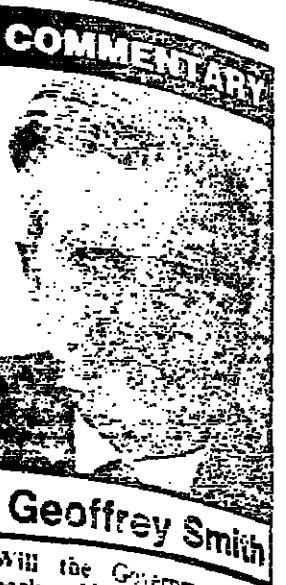
Mr Clifford Agent, aged 53, former manager of Lloyds Bank, Witham, Essex, faces five charges of corruptly accepting gifts from clients, including a car and £5,000.

Mr Agent, of Plough Drive, Colchester, Essex, appeared before Witham magistrates before Mr John Lord, aged 43 a

print worker, and his wife, Moira, aged 30, of Daniel Way, Silver End, Witham, and their neighbour, Mr Ronald Jones, aged 38, unemployed.

Mr Lord faces 12 charges of deception, five of corruption and five of false accounting. Mrs Lord faces five charges of deception and they jointly face six charges of deception. Mr Jones faces six charges of deception.

They were committed to Chelmsford Crown Court on unconditional bail.



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WORLD SUMMARY

Egypt arrests 44 in coup attempt

Cairo - The Egyptian Government said yesterday that it had foiled another coup attempt - the third in as many months. But, unlike the previous two planned by Muslim extremists, this one was masterminded by a clandestine communist group (A Correspondent writes).

Security authorities said that they had arrested 44 people in Cairo and six other Egyptian cities. The ringleader was named as Professor Abdel-Moneim Telema, of the Cairo University School of Arts. Three others are still at large.

The group includes civil servants, teachers, a lawyer and an accountant. A Sudanese student at Cairo University, believed to be the link between the group and communists in Sudan, was also arrested.

The authorities said most of the detainees were arrested on Friday at a meeting in a flat rented by Professor Telema and used as the group's headquarters. They were discussing plans to recruit new members and to "infiltrate the masses" to gain support for the plot to overthrow the Government and to establish a communist regime.

Security authorities say they have seized archives, documents and draft leaflets, including literature on how to set up a communist state. Officials say the group has been active since the early sixties, opposed the late President Nasser, and were involved in the food riots of 1977; a recording of the meeting showed that it opposed the Islamic movement.

Author's prize Isles row for court

Paris - Francois-Olivier Rousseau, a French writer living on the Isle of Man, has received the 250,000-franc (£27,000) Marcel Proust Literary Prize for his novel about a pianist living in 19th-century France (AP reports).

Sebastien Doré is Rousseau's third novel. Introductory, autobiographical and literary, the novel was selected partly for its stylistic resemblance to Proust's classic *Remembrance of Things Past*.

The Hague - El Salvador and Honduras have asked the World Court to rule on a long-standing border dispute and decide who has sovereignty over a jointly-claimed group of islands (Reuter reports).

The International Court of Justice said that the two countries and Honduras presented a special agreement last week which calls on the court to set up a chamber of judges to take written and oral evidence from both sides.

Izvestia in tit-for-tat

Moscow (Reuter) - Izvestia said yesterday that its editorial board had filed suit for defamation against a California businessman, Mr Raphael Gregorian, who won a lawsuit against the daily earlier this year.

The paper said the case against Mr Gregorian would be heard in open court in Moscow early next year. It gave no details of the charges.

The move follows a Los Angeles court decision to award Mr Gregorian \$413,000 damages in a libel suit he brought against Izvestia after the newspaper accused him of espionage in 1984. The court ruled that Mr Gregorian was entitled to Izvestia assets in the United States if the newspaper did not respect its judgment.

Last month, the Soviet Union accused US authorities of having entered the flat of an Izvestia correspondent in Washington, calling the incident "an outrageous action".

Threat removed Albania to vote

Leidschendam, Netherlands - Army experts safely exploded a British wartime bomb weighing 250 lb in this small town yesterday (Reuter reports).

Townspeople were evacuated from their homes by police, and traffic was held up as the bomb was removed. Experts had spent six months searching for the device.

Vienna (Reuter) - Albanians will vote for a new People's Assembly on February 1.

The last time the inhabitants of the secretive Stalinist state elected a parliament, four years ago, only one negative ballot was cast while 1,677,959 electors voted for the single officially approved candidate for each district.

Dam houses reprieve

Madrid - The Spanish Government has suspended all further demolition work on houses in Riado, a town which is to be submerged in a dam project, after protests from angry residents (Harry Debevoise writes).

The work was halted temporarily last week by a court order while a judge studies allegations of illegal expropriations. The Government has promised to respect the court's eventual decision.

Word of the Christmas reprieve reached Riado on Monday night, only a matter of hours after a civil guard police column, heading for the town to protect construction machinery from angry residents, found its way blocked by a tree trunk across the road. The police also found several plastic bags, one of which contained a small home-made bomb.

South Africa's day of division

Whites on holiday as blacks protest

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The Day of the Covenant, when white Afrikaners commemorate the victory of their Boer ancestors over Zulu forces at the Battle of Blood River in 1838, appeared to have passed quietly yesterday.

The celebration of the annual holiday coincided with the start of a 10-day "Christmas" campaign against the "Emergency" campaign organized by the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the South African Council of Churches and other mainly black opposition groups.

Yesterday was also the 25th anniversary of the first sabotage attacks carried out by Umkhonto we Sizwe, the guerrilla organization created by the African National Congress (ANC) after it was outlawed and driven underground in 1960.

On Monday night orders were served by the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand on two Johannesburg newspapers prohibiting them from carrying any statements in support of the Christmas campaign, organized by a list of specified organizations.

The two papers affected are the *Sowetan*, a daily written by and for blacks, and *The Weekly Mail*, a crusading liberal paper which was started by journalists made redundant when the *Rand Daily Mail* was closed by its owners last year.

On Monday, the *Sowetan* carried a full-page advertisement for the Christmas campaign, which may have been responsible for prompting the police action. Among the organizations

whose support for the Christmas protest may not be reported by the *Sowetan* and *The Weekly Mail* are the UDF, Cosatu, the SACC, the End Conscription Campaign, which opposes compulsory military service for whites, the Black Sash, a civil rights group run by white women, and the Detainees' Parents' Support Committee.

The protest called for church bells to be tolled at 6 am yesterday and again at the same time on December 26, to mark the end of the 10-day period.

Township residents were asked to put out electric lights between 7 and 9 pm yesterday and on December 24, and to put lighted candles in their windows. There is still no clear picture of the response to the campaign, but sources in Soweto said that the tolling of church bells did not appear to have taken place.

Mr Kobie Coetsee, the South African Minister of Justice, has disclosed that he has met the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela. But he has declined to reveal the time or the purpose of the meeting.

"I have met him, but the nature of our meeting is confidential," Mr Coetsee says in an interview in the South African monthly magazine *Leadership*.

Mr Coetsee says it is unfair that Mr Mandela "remains incarcerated by his own people through their pursuit of violence and that they expect him to remain in prison because they do not wish to give up violence themselves. He is carrying this burden in an admirable manner".

Gorbachov sees Thatcher as strongest voice after Reagan

By Andrew McKeen, Diplomatic Correspondent

An extraordinary hint that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov sees Mrs Thatcher as the strongest voice in the western alliance apart from President Reagan emerged yesterday.

An analysis of remarks made by the Soviet leader during a meeting with the British Ambassador to Russia, Sir Bryan Cartledge, produced a sense of confidence and satisfaction in Whitehall.

Sir Bryan's report is being interpreted in these ways:

● Mr Gorbachov is attaching great importance to the Prime Minister's visit in the spring. He has a very high regard for her international status.

● He believes her visit is timely in the disarmament context. Although she has no mandate to negotiate on behalf of the West, she is more able than anyone else to cut through the confusion in the West that has followed Reykjavik.

● He recognizes that her views have prevailed over President Reagan's on disarmament priorities. The views she has made home during her Camp David talks with President Reagan in November were endorsed at last week's meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Brussels.

President Reagan has tacitly conceded a wholly different approach to the one he offered to Mr Gorbachov at Reykjavik.

● Mr Gorbachov likes President Reagan's priorities better than those of Mrs Thatcher, but has taken on board the message that she has proved the authentic voice of the alliance.

Four clear points of view

have emerged since the October Summit in Iceland:

● The area of agreement is on the proposal to eliminate 50 per cent of Soviet and American strategic nuclear weapons over five years. During this period intermediate range nuclear forces would be removed from Europe, short-range missiles reduced, chemical weapons banned, and there would be talks on conventional forces. All this would be achieved without compromising the British and French deterrents.

The disagreement is on the conditions: Moscow insisting that the five-year project should be part of a 10-year plan, while the West wants to take it step by step.

● Mr Gorbachov is firmly sticking to his vision that all nuclear weapons should be eliminated at the end of 10 years. In his meeting with Sir Bryan he again stressed that there should be no dilution of this vision - meaning no attempt to exclude Washington's Strategic Defence Initiative.

● President Reagan's proposal for elimination of all ballistic missiles at the end of 10 years was the major point of contention with the European allies. It was Mrs Thatcher who impressed on him European fears that this would leave Western Europe dangerously exposed to Moscow's superior conventional forces.

● The essence of the new priorities agreed at Camp David and endorsed by Nato was to treat the first half of the plan as an end itself, setting talk of the second five-year plan on one side for the time being.



Another opening... Two veterans of the world of music, Frank Sinatra, left, and the pianist, Vladimir Horowitz, on stage again at the 95-year-old Carnegie Hall in New York. The hall has been silent for more than eight months during a £35 million renovation.

Hanoi-Peking links sought

From David Watts Tokyo

The Soviet Union used the Vietnamese Communist Party congress yesterday to urge better relations between Hanoi and Peking.

Since the key to better relations lies in a change in the Vietnamese presence in Cambodia, the remarks by Mr Yegor Ligachev, second only to Mr Gorbachov in the Kremlin, take on added significance when viewed against the background of recent government changes in Cambodia and the fact that the leader of the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot, is now said to be seriously ill in Peking.

With a pat on the back for Hanoi's "sensible and fair policy" in Cambodia, Mr Ligachev, who is leading a four-man Soviet delegation, said: "The normalization of relations between Vietnam and China would have a major or positive effect on improving the situation in Asia, on improving the international climate as a whole."

Last week, in an important shake-up of the Government in Phnom Penh, the Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen, was stripped of his party and foreign affairs portfolios and the Ministers of Defence and Planning were replaced.

The new Foreign Minister, Mr Kong Korm, who spent some time in the United States, might well prove the instrument of a fresh approach in foreign affairs.

But Mr Ligachev did not say how Vietnam might set about improving its contacts with Peking, saying only that Soviet efforts to improve relations would not harm Vietnam. "As to Soviet-Chinese relations, we have favoured and favour the development of good-neighbourly relations with the People's Republic of China on a principled basis, without damage to the interests of other countries."

Mr Ligachev also referred to what the Soviet Union feels is Vietnamese waste of resources. "We are satisfied that our co-operation with Vietnam is moving toward more realistic ground, taking into consideration the real needs and possibilities of the Vietnamese economy," he said.

Belgian deal gives Renault new chief

From Diana Geddes Paris

M Raymond Lévy, aged 59, was yesterday appointed head of Renault, the state-owned car company, to succeed M Georges Besse.

He was released by the Belgian Government from a five-year contract as head of the Belgian steel group, Cockerill-Sambre, Renault, the largest French industrial concern outside the French oil companies, has been without a head since M Besse was killed by terrorists outside his Paris home four weeks ago.

Negotiations with the Belgian Government for M Lévy's release were long and difficult and were completed only after M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, intervened last weekend. Both sides have denied reports Paris made "concessions".

M Lévy's appointment is due to be confirmed at today's Cabinet meeting, after his formal election to the presidency of Renault by a special meeting of the company's board of directors yesterday.

Like M Besse, M Lévy is a graduate of the elite Ecole Polytechnique and of the Ecole des Mines.

After a short spell in the coal mines of northern France, he quickly moved into oil, becoming head of Elf-France in 1975 and vice-president of Elf-Aquitaine in 1976. In 1982 he was appointed head of the newly nationalized Usinor steel group, but his two-year contract was not renewed in 1984.

Employers' chief: M Francois Périgot, aged 60, the head of Unilever France, was elected president of the main French employers' union, the CNPF, yesterday to succeed M Yvon Gattaz, who had decided not to run again after the end of his five-year term.

Last of the Brezhnev old guard removed

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday further consolidated his dominance in the Kremlin when Mr Dmitriy Ustinov, one of the last remaining members of the Brezhnev "old guard" still serving in the Politburo, was removed from his post as Communist Party leader in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, the second largest of the Soviet republics.

A Tass announcement said that Mr Kunayev, aged 74, had sought retirement, but made none of the flattering remarks normally associated with such a move.

It reported that he had been replaced by Mr Gennady Kolbin, aged 59, a noted Gorbachov loyalist and Russian national who has been prominent in the anti-vodka campaign.

Although Mr Kunayev remains in the Politburo temporarily, he is expected to be removed at the next plenary meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee, which is expected soon.

The sudden end to his long career appears to have been accelerated by a number of recent corruption scandals in the republic, where he has held power since 1964.

Yesterday's move is seen as a significant pointer to Mr Gorbachov's progress in consolidating his control at the centre of the Soviet Government machine at a time when his ambitious reform programme has been running into resistance at the middle-level of party bureaucracy.

Some Western analysts had expected Mr Kunayev, a long-time ally of the late Leonid Brezhnev, to be dismissed at the party's 27th Congress in February.

Mr Kunayev's survival then was taken as evidence that Mr Gorbachov had still not achieved a completely dominant position in the Politburo.

His replacement by a man so obviously in the Gorbachov mould has raised a new question mark over the future of the other veteran Brezhnev associate still inside the 12-man Politburo, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, aged 68, the leader of the Ukrainian Communist Party.

Western observers believe that he is likely to be replaced soon by a younger man.



Mr Kunayev: Kazakhstan party boss since 1964.

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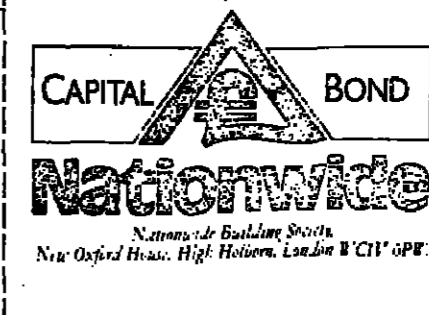
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# Walker will be the first Western minister to inspect Chernobyl site

From Christopher Walker, Kiev

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, is due today to become the first important Western politician permitted to visit the site of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in a move the Kremlin hopes will help convince the world that it has successfully sealed the reactor which exploded on April 26.

A senior British official told *The Times* that Mr Walker is flying the 80 miles from Kiev to the power station by Soviet helicopter and is later returning to Moscow to give a press conference. The visit has been arranged under the Anglo-Soviet energy agreement which was signed shortly before the disaster.

*Pravda* yesterday carried a front-page editorial claiming that the giant concrete structure enclosing the reactor was operational and the number four reactor had "ceased to be the source of radioactive contamination of the environment".

The official Communist Party newspaper said: "The unique structure, designed by Soviet scientists and engineers, is complete with all the necessary equipment, diagnostic and checking facilities. About 300,000 cubic metres (392,000 cubic yards) of concrete and 6,000 tons of metal constructions have been laid into the 'sarcophagus'."

Although Soviet authorities have refused to lift the 7½-month-old ban preventing Western newsmen from visiting the scene of the accident, it has been possible to piece together a picture of the conditions Mr Walker will find there from interviews with officials and Soviet staff now at the site.

Soviet sources say that several thousand conscripted soldiers are working at the plant and the 18-mile-wide "dead zone" around it on a huge decontamination operation.



Mr Walker: Kremlin hoping his visit will convince world that soldiers are sent there as punishment.

A senior Estonian official said recently: "Perhaps a man who had two children and has a third on the way would ask and be given permission to return home. But that is the extent of the discontent."

"I can assure you that there has been no mutiny or execution of soldiers as claimed by some irresponsible sources in the West."

In addition to the soldiers, whose units are rotated on a regular basis to prevent individuals suffering dangerous levels of radiation, more than 700 Soviet experts and workers are voluntarily manning the plant where two of the four 1,000-megawatt reactors are back in operation.

According to Soviet figures, about 80 per cent of the current workforce were working at Chernobyl at the time of the accident, but none of the firemen who fought the blaze has been asked to return.

"It would be quite inhumane for any of them to go back," explained Dr Raisa Petrovna, a Kiev radiologist.

All the staff change into white protective coats and hats on arrival and each wears a Geiger-Müller counter which is programmed to emit a loud warning if a dangerous personal level of radiation is reached.

Mr Gennady Duk, a senior engineer who commutes between Chernobyl and a new flat in Kiev — one of 8,000 homes in the city allocated to Chernobyl evacuees — appeared convinced that working at the station posed no great danger.

The two televisions in his spacious flat were a reminder that Chernobyl staff are paid two to three times their normal wages as an incentive.

His neighbour, Mr Lenid Vodalsko, aged 44, a shift supervisor who has worked at the Ukrainian plant since 1975, said that there was "a wartime spirit" among those employed there.

Neither of them was prepared to discuss the work of the military decontamination squads which remain the most controversial element in the clean-up exercise. Western experts predict that some of those involved could face long-term health hazards.

Recent figures show that decontamination has been carried out in 500 populated places inside the "dead zone" and in 60,000 buildings there.

Dozens of dykes have been constructed to try to protect water sources and these could face a severe test when the winter snows melt next spring.

# Karachi death toll reaches 140 as ethnic violence continues



A plume of smoke hanging over two blazing railway carriages near Karachi after they were set on fire by rioters during three days of unrest in Pakistan.

## Inflation threatens reforms in Israel

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The spectre of hyper-inflation has risen to haunt the Israeli Government at the very moment negotiations to bring in wide-ranging reforms of the taxation system and capital market have become dangerously bogged down.

At the same time, both unions and management are refusing to accept further austerity measures needed to cut the annual state budget by 500 million shekels (about £250 million).

The gloomy economic picture is causing serious strains inside the National Unity Government, which is struggling to put together a second-stage economic plan to take over from the one introduced in July of last year. That succeeded in bringing down inflation from about 450 per cent a year to about 20 per cent.

The inflation rate for last month shows an increase of 2.9 per cent, nearly 1 per cent higher than the economic planners had hoped for. This is the third consecutive monthly rise and means that the index since the beginning of the year has gone up by 17.9 per cent already and by more than 7 per cent in the last three months.

Mr Moshe Nissim, the Finance Minister, has been trying to introduce a series of reforms to honour a promise to the US Treasury to liberalize the economy and encourage private investment.

This essentially means a reform of the taxation system, which soaks up about 60 per cent of the national wealth.

From A Correspondent Karachi

The death toll rose to 140 in Karachi yesterday as violence continued on the third day of the worst ethnic riots seen here.

Thirteen bullet-riddled and charred bodies were brought to city hospitals yesterday morning as a result of the current wave of ethnic violence between Pashtuns from Pakistan's North West Frontier Province and the Urdu-speaking Mohajirs (refugees) which broke out on Sunday.

More than 50 people were killed in similar clashes in the port city last month. Most of the dead were from the Orangi town area, where more than 70 people have been killed since Sunday.

The city was deserted as public transport remained off the roads and industrial, commercial and financial centres were closed.

Senior police confirmed exchanges of fire between patrolling troops and unknown persons in Qasba colony, near Orangi township, which has

been the centre of clashes for the past three days.

A hill beside the Qasba colony, where Pashtun rioters were firing on Biharis, was taken by troops late on Monday.

President Ershad of Bangladesh yesterday set free more than 2,500 political prisoners in a new truce offer as the opposition which has been calling for his removal (Ahmed Fazl writes from Dhaka).

However, the authorities have refused to pardon three members of the Awami League who are sentenced to death for rebellion against the army 11 years ago, before President Ershad came to power.

day night after a fierce clash with the occupants.

Officials said the operation started at 8 pm on Monday. The exchange continued for several hours and troops captured the hill at midnight.

The Qasba colony and adjacent Orangi town area was put under curfew on Sunday night after clashes between Pashtuns and Urdu-speaking

Biharis, migrants from Bangladesh, which left 50 dead and more than 200 injured.

Seventy were killed and several hundred injured in bloody clashes on Monday.

Shops, houses, commercial premises and three railway stations were set on fire during day-long rioting on the second day of the fresh ethnic clashes, which were triggered off as reaction to an army operation against drug dealers in the Sohrab Goth district, a predominantly Pashtun and Afghan area.

The Pashtuns, armed with automatic rifles, went on a killing rampage in Orangi town, which has been the centre of ethnic clashes for the past year.

The most violent incident took place yesterday in Shah Faisal colony, in the eastern district of Karachi, where two people were burnt to death and three were shot dead.

The trouble started when private minibus operators tried to force people to close shops. One person was burnt to death in Malir, a suburb of Karachi.

## New leader promises 'breath of fresh air'

# Trinidad and Tobago shocks itself with poll landslide

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain

Trinidad and Tobago started itself with the vehemence of Monday's revolt against the People's National Movement (PNM), the party which had governed for 30 years.

Behind the jubilation of Monday night there was a sense of astonishment and even alarm at the bravado which not only inflicted a crushing 33-3 defeat on the ruling party, but threw the Prime Minister and most of his Cabinet out of their seats.

Even the new Prime Minister, Mr A N R Robinson, seemed amazed at the size of his victory as he declared that he would give Trinidad and Tobago "a breath of fresh air and a fresh start".

The PNM now faces a massive task of rebuilding. Only two ministers survived the massacre: Mr Patrick Manning, who had been Energy Minister, and Mrs Muriel Donawa-McDavidson, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, one of whom

will now become the Opposition leader. The only newcomer was Mr Morris Marshall, head of the PNM's Youth League.

The personal defeat of Mr Chambers was unexpected. He was decisively beaten in the constituency he had held for 20 years by Senator Lincoln Myers, who earlier this year staged a 40-day fast on the steps of the Hall of Justice in Port of Spain to protest against the Government's failure to deal with corruption and accountability.

The National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR), which forms the new Government, emerged only last February from the existing main opposition groups, which had inflicted defeats on the PNM in local government elections in 1983 and in elections to the Tobago House of Assembly in 1980 and 1984. Their fusion into one party provided Trinidad and Tobago with the plausible alternative to the

PNM which had never developed because of ethnic divisions.

The NAR quickly began to exploit the public desire for change and mounted a moral crusade against corruption, financial waste, inefficiency, the failure to deal with a growing drug problem or to convict corrupt officials to book, and the PNM's slide into aloofness and cynicism. Senator Myers's fast, and the defection from the PNM of a former Attorney-General who had made a reputation for fighting corruption, Mr Selwyn Richardson, focused these concerns.

As the oil-based economy began to contract sharply in the aftermath of the 1974-83 oil boom and this year's fall in oil prices, unemployment became an urgent issue, with the NAR claiming that over 100,000 people in a labour force of 460,000 were without jobs.

The NAR has a 29-point Immediate Action Plan which includes the introduction of legislation to curb corruption, the streamlining of the public service, decentralization of government power and a rapprochement with the private sector. It favours an expansionary policy to stimulate employment, and says it will put new emphasis on investment and savings. It has promised immediate tax relief for low-paid workers.

Internationally, the NAR will maintain close relations with Britain and the United States, while putting stronger emphasis on Caribbean co-operation, contacts with neighbouring Venezuela, and relations with other developing countries. It will offer dual citizenship to nationals. The strained relations between Tobago and Trinidad are likely to be healed under a Tobagonian Prime Minister, and the NAR has promised major development work in Tobago, the largely neglected centre of the nation's tourism.



Mr Arthur Robinson, Trinidad and Tobago's new Prime Minister, being congratulated by a jubilant supporter.

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## Sneer at village backfires

Port of Spain — Mr Arthur Raymond Napoleon Robinson has been leading the popularity ratings in Trinidad and Tobago for months (Jeremy Taylor writes). In a poll published a week before Monday's election, 45 per cent of respondents rated him the best choice for Prime Minister out of a field of eight. The then Prime Minister, Mr George Chambers, ran a poor second with 18 per cent.

Mr Robinson comes across as shy and diffident, but he is perceived as honest and sincere and speaks with vehemence when his principles are engaged. He has a strong moralistic streak and argued repeatedly that Trinidad and Tobago was experiencing spiritual rebirth. "My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of a new age," he told one rally.

He was born in the village of Calder Hall in Tobago in 1926 — yesterday was his 60th birthday. Mr Chambers's joke that the village could never produce a Prime Minister was one of several sneers that backfired on the People's National Movement (PNM). Mr Robinson studied at St John's College, Oxford, and at the inner Temple in London. When he returned to Trinidad in 1957, he came under the influence of Dr Eric Williams, who was preparing to launch the PNM as a new nationalist force which would win self-rule and later independence from Britain. Mr Robinson became a founder member of the PNM and entered Parliament as an MP for Tobago in 1961 and served under Dr Williams as Finance and Foreign Minister.

Trinidad's black power upheaval in 1970 came close to toppling the Williams government, and disagreement over the handling of the affair led to Mr Robinson's resignation from the government and the party. He formed the Action Committee of Democratic Citizens, which took part in a boycott of the 1971 election to protest at the use of voting machines and the lowering of the voting age.

Later he launched the Democratic Action Congress (DAC) which won the two Tobago seats from the PNM in 1976. From then on, Mr Robinson was perceived as a Tobago leader, and friction between Tobago and the central government in Trinidad grew. Under pressure, Dr Williams set up the Tobago House of Assembly in 1980, and the DAC won majorities there in 1980 and 1984.

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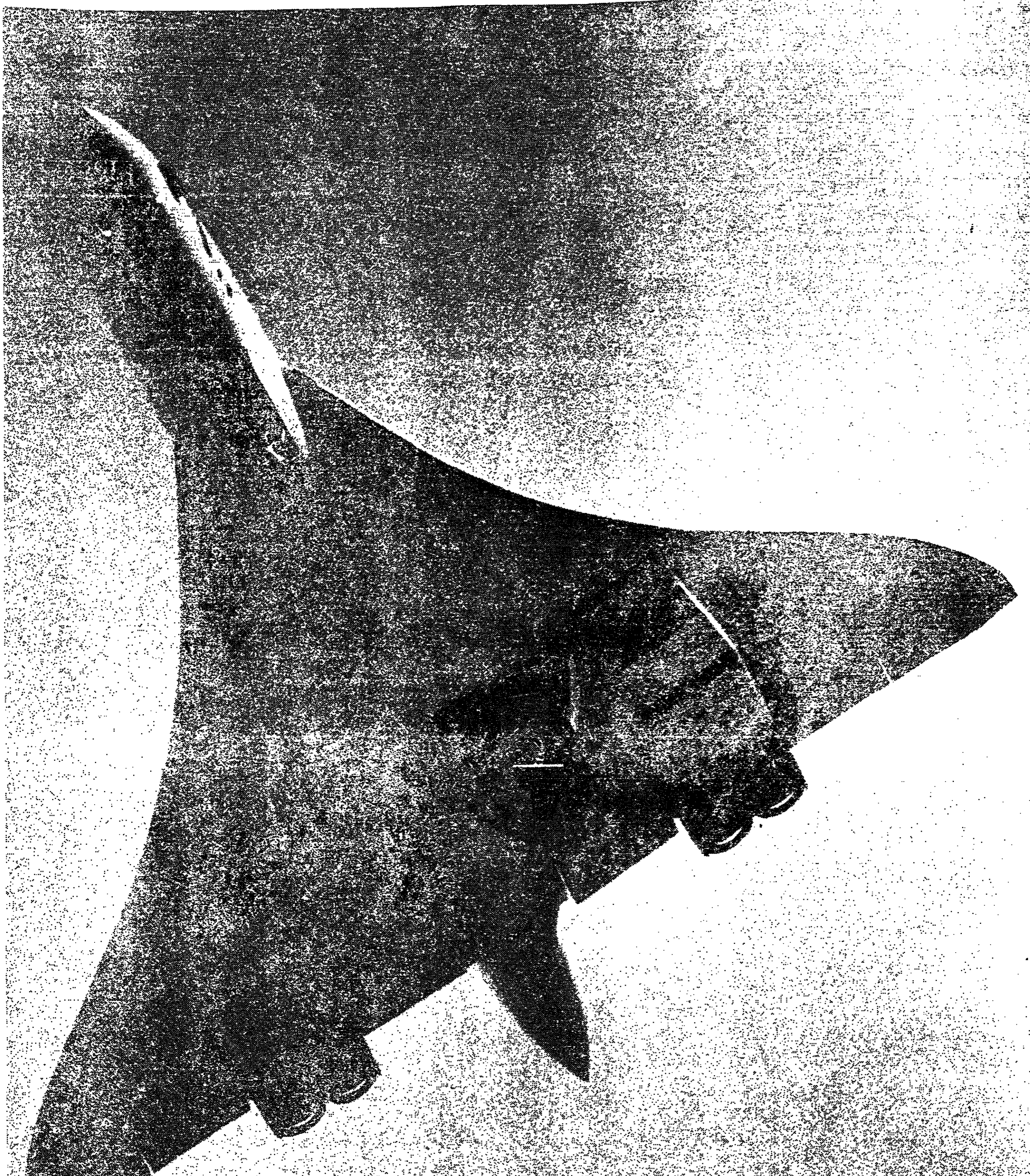
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Bokassa's smile fades as tide turns

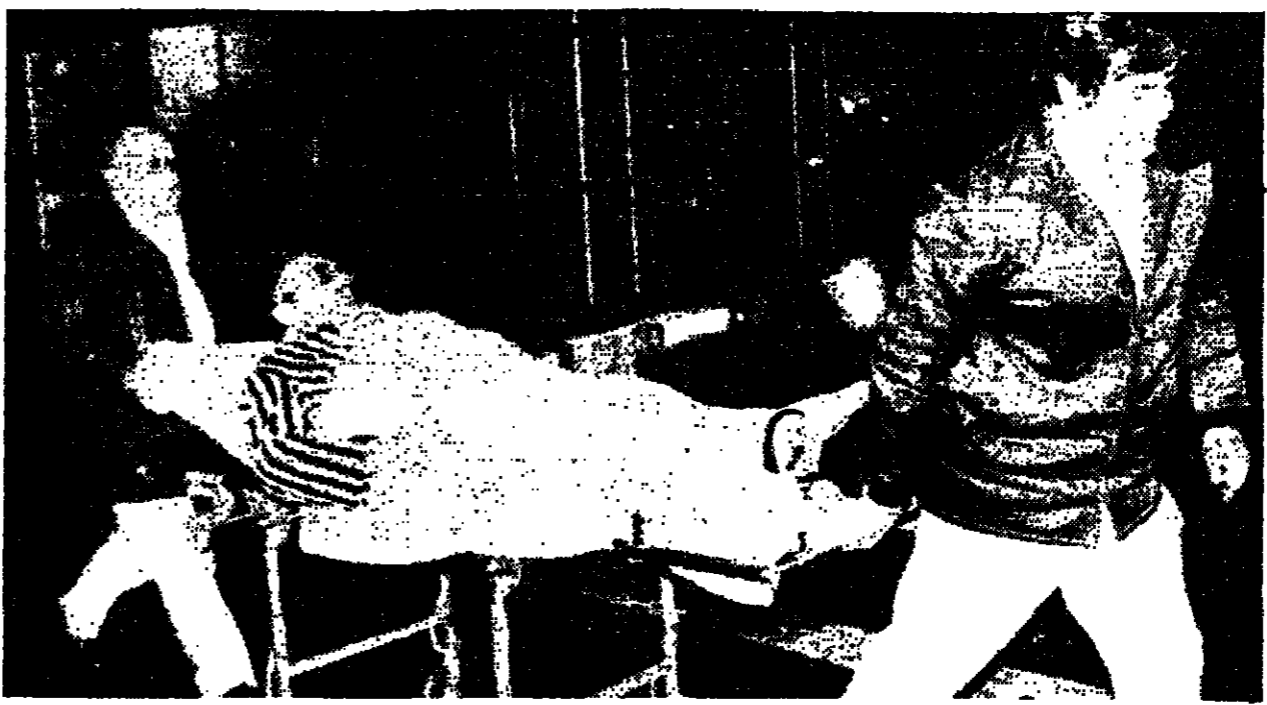
Court spectators boo as former police chief tries to save own skin

Jean-Bédél Bokassa's former chief of police ended his day in court facing the prospect of being jailed for perjury on a truly epic scale. At times when Mr Corzon Kazin was giving evidence in the trial of the former Emperor of the Central African Republic, his efforts to save his own skin so enraged spectators that he was booed and heckled lustily. When the public prosecutor demanded Mr Kazin's immediate detention, the rousing cheers and whistles indicated that he had not been universally popular in his old job. The confrontation in the Palais de Justice arose from attempts to establish whether Bokassa could be held responsible for the disappearance and presumed death in 1973 of Mr Alexandre M'Bongo, a minister in his government. According to Mr M'Bongo's widow Celestine, a large, handsome lady in a dazzling green dress, her husband (who was also Bokassa's cousin) had been seized and thrown into the notorious Ngaraba jail in the capital on suspicion of plotting against the emperor. Standing inches from Bokassa before the bench, Mrs M'Bongo gave a long and emotional account in Sango, the national language, of her desperate efforts to find and save her husband. She never once looked at Bokassa, standing at attention as usual, occasionally shifting his weight from foot to foot. He appeared to be in a chirpy mood, playing to the gallery with occasional off-hand remarks. On one such occasion, Mr Edouard Frank, the presiding judge, brought him sharply to order with a clang on the

From Philip Jacobson, Bangui brass ship's bell before him. The fur started flying when Mr Kazin, who was barely out of his teens when Bokassa put him in charge of the police, took the stand to testify. In his eagerness to distance himself from the M'Bongo affair, he came close to denying that he knew anything about any of the duties normally associated with such an important person. Certainly nothing would induce him to admit the slightest knowledge of or connection with the demise of Mr M'Bongo. His determination to stay clear of this murky business produced a series of startling contradictions concerning the names, places, dates and events he had only just been giving to the court. The prosecutor could hardly keep his seat; Bokassa's two French lawyers looked incredulous; Mr Frank glowered down from the bench. Bit by bit, poor Mr Kazin went to pieces. Slowly, the prosecution harried him closer and closer to the point of no retreat. The court was absolutely humming by then and you could hear cheers and laughter from the large crowd listening to the proceedings on radios outside. Suddenly Mr Kazin broke, aided no doubt by an offer of immunity from prosecution. His memory miraculously restored, he told the court that Bokassa had, in fact, spoken to him about the arrest of Mr M'Bongo. While all this was happening, Bokassa seemed lost in thought, sometimes smiling sardonically at one of his young protégé's blunders. But he was noticeably less confident and assertive during the

interrogation that followed Mr Kazin's appearance. For the first time he lost his impassive calm, wheezing round in anger when spectators laughed derisively at something he said. It could not have helped his peace of mind when one of Mr Frank's fellow judges could be seen shaking his head in sheer disbelief at the old emperor's evidence. After the first day's hearings, one felt that the defence was ahead on points. The two *maîtres* representing Bokassa had been confident that it was going to prove difficult for the prosecution to produce credible evidence linking their client directly and inescapably to the most serious crimes of which he is accused. But the fight is definitely going against them now. Bokassa seems to sense this, too. "You've already condemned me; give me a last chance to speak," he shouted after one particularly sharp clash with the prosecution. Given the special circumstances of this trial, he might be right.

French firms in Barcelona become target for Eta bombs



One of 24 people injured by a bomb that exploded at the office of a French furniture company in Barcelona being taken on a stretcher for medical treatment. No group claimed responsibility but police blame Eta, the militant Basque separatists.

From Richard Wigg Madrid Two bomb attacks on French business interests in Barcelona early yesterday have led Spanish police to believe that Eta's military wing has now taken the large industrial city as its target for protesting against the heightened French collaboration with Madrid over terrorism. The Basque armed separatist organization, by claiming responsibility last week for an explosion which damaged the premises of one of the principal Citroën dealers in Barcelona, had already made clear its "hint" that the public should boycott French business interests in Spain. Five people were still in hospital yesterday with injuries, one of them in a grave condition, after an explosion of about 30 lb of "Goma 2" had damaged the ground-floor showrooms of Roche Bobois, a French modern furniture firm, and flats on the first and second floors. People were awakened by the explosion, and some left their damaged flats to stay for the night in a hotel near by. A smaller explosion had earlier started a fire at the offices of Ricard, the French drink concern, in a modern business block, injuring one person. "Eta is evidently seeking a new zone in which to operate," Señor Jordi Pujol, the Catalan Chief Minister, commented after an inspection of the damage. He said Barcelona offered ideal terrain for terrorists.

New Zealand urged to adopt new voting system

From Richard Long Wellington The New Zealand Government has been urged by a royal commission to abandon the first-past-the-post electoral voting system in favour of the system of proportional representation used in West Germany. A royal commission into the electoral system also called for a referendum into extend-

ing the present three-year parliamentary term to four years. The number of MPs, it said, should be increased from 95 to 120. Mr Geoffrey Palmer, the Deputy Prime Minister, tabling the report in Parliament, said that the recommendations had to be considered seriously, though it could take New Zealanders some time to get used to the idea. He ruled out a referendum to coincide

with next year's general election, saying this was too soon. But Mr Jim Bolger, the leader of the Opposition, spoke against any change to the system. Mr Justice Wallace, the commission chairman, said proportional representation would bring a degree of safeguard and a degree of check on the absolute power of governments in the single-chamber parliamentary system.

While the Labour Government of Mr David Lange has a 15-seat majority in the 95-seat Parliament, under a proportional representation vote in the larger assembly, the voting last election would have required a coalition government. Labour would have won 52 seats, National 44, the New Zealand Party 15 and Social Credit nine, according to Dr John Darwin, a former government statistician.

Army threat to break Greek refuse strike

From Mario Modiano, Athens The Greek Government is threatening to put under military orders the 25,000 refuse collectors and street-sweepers of Athens whose strike, now in its ninth day, has left mounds of rubbish at every corner. The municipal cleaners are pressing for higher wages and job security, but the socialist Government, defending its strict austerity policy, refuses to curb its wage freeze or its ban on hiring permanent staff. The cleaners' protest is only one aspect of labour unrest in Greece. Thousands of workers in Athens last night marched to Parliament to protest

against the ban on pay rises. Demonstrations were also held in Piraeus and Salonika. The Government is reluctant to bring in the Army to clear the streets of the capital. Ministers, however, warned union leaders that there is an increasing hazard to public health and they may be forced to mobilize the military. The health hazard has been aggravated by the fumes of hordes of alley cats and stray dogs on the piles of black plastic rubbish bags that are now part of the Athenian landscape.

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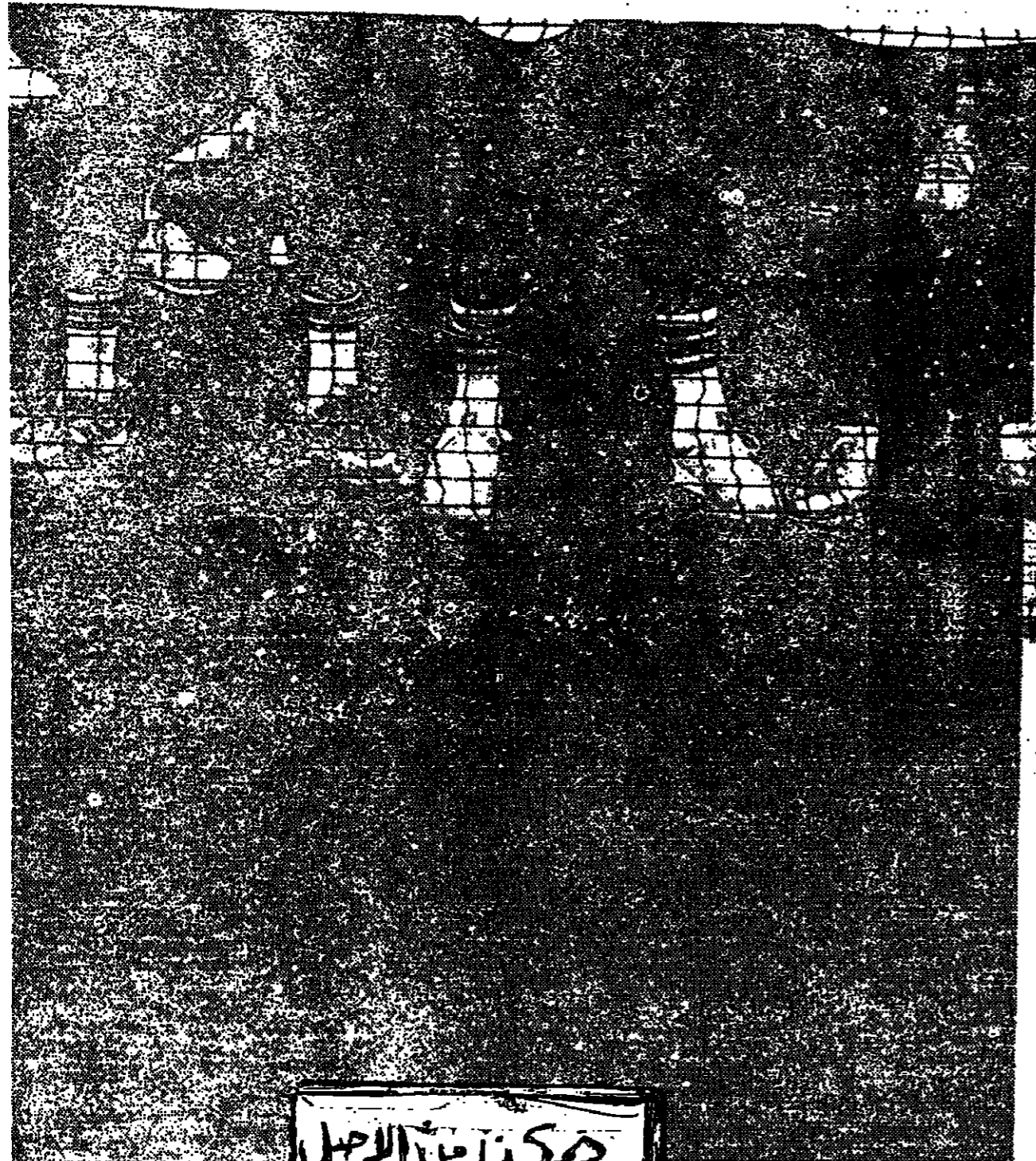
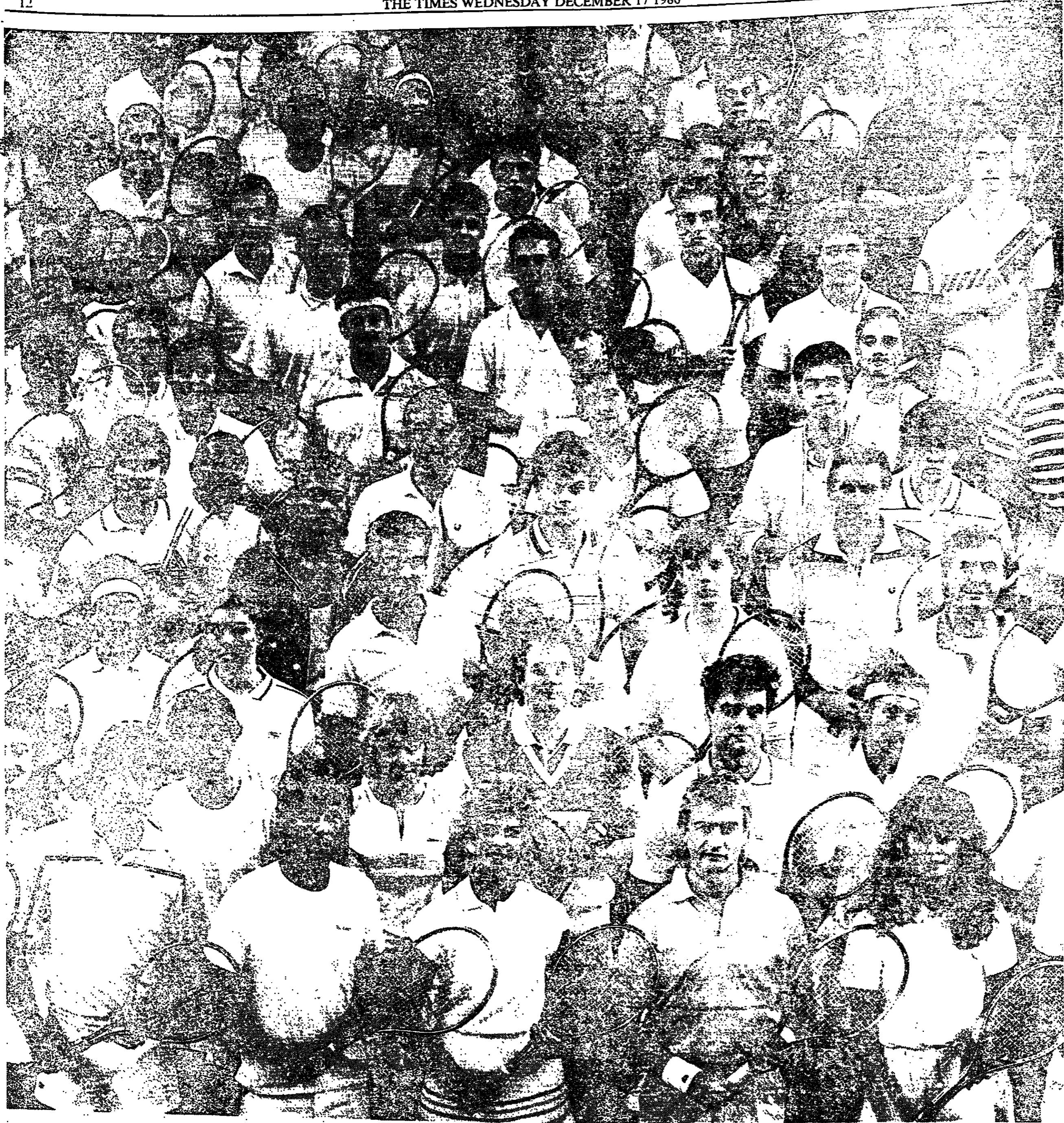
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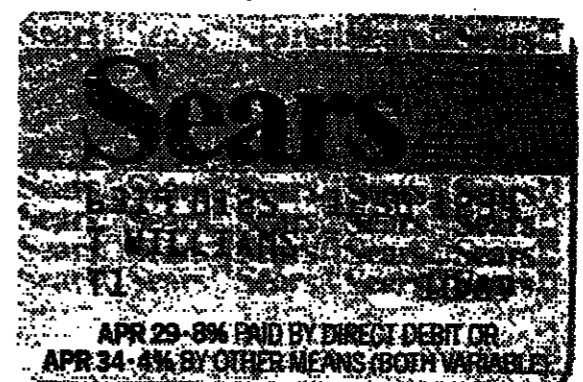
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THE ARTS

Forward to the past

Yesterday marked the quarter-centenary of the African National Congress's first bombing campaign, in 1961; that in turn was the 123rd anniversary of the battle of Blood River, where the trekkers killed 3,000 attacking Zulus. With such sorry milestones is the path of race hatred paced out and consecrated.

TELEVISION

*Apartheid* (Granada) is a bold, ambitious, archive-plundering stab at a definitive account of the processes that have led up to South Africa's current agony. Straddling *News at Ten*, the first two parts showed that not even four hours spread over two nights are enough to do the subject justice.

It is, for example, an article of the Afrikaner faith - taught at school as an incontrovertible dictum - that the white man could not have "stolen" a largely uninhabited country. This truth is economical, but the first part's tight schedule restricted the contrary evidence to a single still of a 19th-century sculpture.

If the early history of the white tribe was sketchy, the crucial relations between British and Dutch were presented with admirable clarity. The key to the mentality of apartheid is the sense of inferiority felt by the second-class, who proceeded to take out their grievances on the third-class.

This was a legacy of Empire, and last night the by now familiar stills of concentration camp victims indicted the Britain of Milner and Kitchener. We, now sans teeth, looked down from our moral high ground. Dr Verwoerd was a smiling pig leading the chosen people steadfastly into the 19th century.

But perhaps the ghastly bad joke that is apartheid does need only a sentence or two to convey. A veteran of El Alamein recalled, at the height of the battle, putting in a request for a rifle. As a black, he was officially a non-combatant. "Yes, you can have a gun", conceded his officer, "but providing you don't shoot any of the white people." For many Afrikaners "our enemy's enemy was our friend" - the Broederbond's Nazi connections got off lightly here - and from that contagion the modern dispensation drew sustenance.

Martin Cropper

For the second year running Bob Crowley was nominated for the Laurence Olivier Designer of the Year Award, this time notably for his work on the RSC's *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, and for the second year running he lost out to William Dudley. Crowley remains relaxed about it, knowing that the nomination is an accolade in itself and secure in the quality of his work on Christopher Hampton's award-winning play. Only his 1985 set for *Love's Labour's Lost*, with its forest of flower-like parasols, has received more extravagant admiration.

*Les Liaisons dangereuses* was originally put on in Stratford, at the Other Place, which Crowley describes as "a tin shed in a car-park, where you have a floor and a back wall and a very limited budget with which to create another world, another century, another society". His elegantly simple solution was to dress both set and characters in white ("all those hot passions dressed in cool clothes") and to provide a meandering, asymmetrical set furnished with enough statted screens and negligently-draped daybeds to allow any number of *louche* assignations in and around aristocratic 18th-century Paris.

Born in Cork 34 years ago, Crowley spent two years at the antiquated Crawford Municipal Academy of Fine Art there, learning what he did not

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Revival of pre-war innocence



Partnership full of surprises: Daniel Webb with Margaret Tyack (photograph by Donald Cooper)

THEATRE

Night Must Fall Greenwich

Apart from giving the killer a four-letter last word and slicing 10 minutes out of the playing time, Emyl Williams has resisted any itch to tinker with the text of this fiftieth-anniversary revival of his first hit.

Here we are, back in Mrs Bramson's woodland bungalow with a uniformed staff of three attending on the querulous invalid. When the law arrives it is in the person of a pipe-smoking inspector who addresses the suspect as "old chap". As for Mrs Bramson's niece, Olivia, as a would-be poet naturally she cannot take a job and has to settle for life as a long-suffering companion to the selfish old woman.

True, she does have her tweedy suitor, Hubert, who seems to have taken up residence in the bungalow, slumped in an armchair reading out newspaper headlines and occasionally bestirring himself into declarations like "although I'm not one of your intellectuals, I am straight". It is the world of the pre-war West End in all its innocence.

The question this prompts is whether Williams was simply falling in with the stage conventions of the 1930s, or whether he was taking a rise out of them, just as his hero Dan (another Welsh nobody) was taking a rise out of the Essex rich. Beginning with a sinister disappearance, and featuring a headless body and a

sequence of macabre curtain-lines as night closes in on a second murder, the play is certainly a thriller. But it is the kind of thriller a murderer might have written for his victims' entertainment.

For a start, the household is made up of people who like a good murder, and then find themselves changed from spectators to participants. Again, the murderer is an entertainer who breezes into their dull company like a conjurer at a children's party. Indeed, no sooner has Olivia recognized him than she changes from an interrogator into a besotted accomplice: an artistic type falling for the real thing. It is a teasingly ambivalent piece with strong undertones of class vengeance, and the notion of the criminal as a star actor.

In John Dove's excellent production the main horrors reside in small physical details from which you can construct the image of a high-heeled shoe projected from a rubbish-tip or a head glued into a hat-box. The sight of Margaret Tyack, left alone, magisterially arising from her wheelchair is a moment of authentic Guignol.

Miss Tyack could have done more to arouse the loathing of the household; what she does present is a wickedly accurate portrait of a selfish old lady, very genial as long as she is the centre of attention, and quite terrifying when she is gripped by terror. Her maternal partnership with Daniel Webb - who plays Dan as a light-footed, charming factotum with eyes like flint - lifts their scenes right out of period and continually takes you by surprise even though you know precisely where they are going. Irving Wardle

CONCERTS

Jacobson/Ball Wigmore Hall

Julian Jacobson and Andrew Ball, as duo pianists of the 20th century, have an abundant repertoire at their disposal: the extraordinary favouring of this medium since Debussy has possibly had something to do with its fusion of two personalities, and therefore its comparatively anonymous profile, its dispassionate stance. But although this is partly a matter of strict rhythmic discipline, since no other medium is less tolerant of imprecision, it helps if there is a strong tension in the accord, as there is with these musicians.

They are a real yin-yang pair, Mr Jacobson robust and determined where Mr Ball will tend to be contemplative or fanciful. Their common ground lies in clear-headed musicianship and a feeling, again very necessary in this repertoire, for the piano as a percussion instrument with an immense range of colour.

One might have thought that Messiaen's *Visions de l'Amen* would suit their talents admirably, but in fact this was the weakest part of their recital. The more dynamically

charged sections, like Mr Jacobson's "Dance of the Stars", were excellent, but the slow music, partly for being so square, lacked the grandeur that alone can justify it, and the ecstasies were equally unmotivated. A performance that leaves one outside, as an inspector, also places the music's vulgarity in an embarrassing position. This is a work that requires to be celebrated and not merely played, with whatever brilliance.

Stravinsky's *Concerto*, however, just needs brilliant playing, which here it had; inspection is its preferred mode of response. The deadpan style of this performance reflected the severe stillness that lies behind so much hectic yet arbitrary activity, and froze the delicacy of the nocturne quite properly into a picture of romanticism.

John Caslen's new *Salmundra* perhaps has fewer difficulties of attitude but not fewer of technique, for it is a "fire-haunt" suggesting more the igneous music of Scriabin than of Wagner, flaring in bursts of arpeggiation around fragments of melody that glow minimally in the central slow section, and burning itself out memorably in flickers on a rising scale. It certainly proves the medium is still alive to creative imagination.

Paul Griffiths

LPO/Solti Festival Hall/Radio 3

You cannot really remain aloof from Sir Georg Solti's interpretations. Steering an orchestra unanimously through a huge symphony is a test of will, and in this business Solti is a strong-man among the strong. Orchestral players yield to his view, or perish in their defiance (I write metaphorically, of course). As listeners we respond in a parallel, though more passive, fashion: we are mesmerized and thrilled, or we resist to the point of intellectual fury.

It is quite possible to bounce from one extreme to another. In this performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, for instance, one could easily be repelled by Solti's tense, mean and literal way with the first two movements. Mahler's slenderest dynamic markings were turned into major sonic events; the ensemble was often messy; the Funeral March lurched without dignity. Yet one could as easily be entranced by his handling of the Scherzo and the Adagio: both of them (and perhaps this is significant to one's understanding of Solti) posing considerable problems for players and conductor.

In the Scherzo some quite outstanding horn-playing led off a dance that was paced steadily and delineated superbly. The Adagio found the London Philharmonic's strings in silky responsive form, and Solti milked the sound most unashamedly.

Those who expected something hot-blooded and intensely Hungarian are to be made of Bartok's Third Piano Concerto, with Solti conducting and Andras Schiff the soloist, might have been disappointed by this energetic but emotionally rather cool performance. Nevertheless there was a hard, glittering clarity about Schiff's timbre that suited the work's outer movements at least - and also displayed to good advantage the total distinction of the pianos independently designed by the Italian pianist Paolo Fazioli. It was the Fazioli instrument's concert debut in Britain.

Richard Morrison

The Menotti double bill at Sadler's Wells, reviewed by Hilary Finch on Monday's Arts Page, was produced by the composer assisted by Michael Remington, and designed by John Pascoe. Our picture showed John Dobson with James Rainbird. Errors and omissions are regretted.

Well-dressed, but vacuous

Smile Lunt-Fontanne, New York

The first-act finale of *Smile* is a sparkling spoof of the talent competitions most American beauty pageants include to assuage our nation's puritanical conscience about ogling pretty young girls. Tap dancer, ventriloquist, soul singer, baton-twirler, musical cooking demonstrator and dramatic reader-cum-stripteaser perform, culminating with contestants in hot pink satin shorts spangled with stars forming a high-kicking line.

If only the number were representative of the whole show, *Smile* might be the big American musical his people here have been praying for. It is not, however - not even in the first-act finale. The action plods on to show the effect of the talent competition on the contestants, and a cynical promoter overriding an unjust

salary decision, rationalizing: "It takes a lot of money to do our wonderful and worthwhile work. After all, charity is a business."

The composer Marvin Hamlisch and the book-writer/lyricist/director Howard Ashman do not know when they are ahead. These previously astute gentlemen (Hamlisch composed *A Chorus Line* and *They're Playing Our Song*, not to mention the music for such films as *The Way We Were*; Ashman created *Little Shop of Horrors*) have failed to find a focus and tone for *Smile*.

The show, about the California state finals in the teenage Young American Miss pageant, is based on an amusing 1975 film which was sharp and bitchy about the subject of beauty contests. The musical tries to have both sentiment and spoof and ends up with happiness. Its last image is of the first runner-up, who has previously sung an ode to Disneyland while a star usu-

ally connoting the Nativity hovers in the background, following the same star to another of the contests the cupid and stupidity of which have just been demonstrated.

There are numerous plot strands - the contest co-ordinator who wants a job with the national pageant, her husband who wants the contest to remain honest, their mischievous son whose secret nude photography of contestants causes a mini-scandal, the innocent contestant who represents the pageant's professed ideals, her unscrupulous rival, the ever-hopeful also-ran - but there is no point of view. The show tries to balance the "win at any cost" and "it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game" values at odds in American culture. "I think the most important thing in life is helping others," a contestant gushes, "so I want to be a model and help the mentally retarded." There is



All the terrors and tribulations of the talent show: Anne Marie Bobby (left) and Jodi Benson

even a Tinkerbell sequence when the co-ordinator turns the contest audience's attention from a gaffe by asking it to applaud the ideals the gaffe has exposed as tarnished.

With no central focus or tone, there is no reason to care what happens from one moment to the next. Hamlisch's music is unmemorable even as it is being played, Ashman's lyrics are merely servicable and the performances only competent (excepting Michael O'Gorman's amiable, scruffy choreographer). Douglas W. Schmidt's set-

nic designs, using a pink and blue theme transposed into hot pink and turquoise, are pretty, as are Paul Gallo's lighting and William Ivey Long's costumes, which vary from athletic attire to Victorian gowns and parasols. May Kyte's aerobic-style dancing is lively, and the production is attractive to look at and polished. These are small consolations for the vacuous nature of the show, and no solace at all for lovers of musical theatre.

Holly Hill

Bob Crowley (right), acclaimed designer of *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, tackles a very different play in *A Penny for a Song*, which opens at the Barbican tonight: interview by Anne Campbell Dixon

Filling in the blanks



want to do (Classical Drawing), before he enjoyed a scholarship year discovering his "real purpose" under the tutelage of Nat Brenner at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. His star has been rising in the English theatre ever since. Aside from an unhurried friendliness and a gentle brogue, the main inheritance of his Irishness is his love of the English language - this despite, or he would say because of, his being educated at a strictly Gaelic-speaking school. He subscribes to Michael MacLiammoir's theory that the Irish use English so well because they are always translating, consciously or unconsciously, from the Gaelic.

His "black box" set for Stratford's *Macbeth*, which will reach London next year, has been knocked as well as praised for its minimalism. Crowley is gently puzzled by the criticism, laughs and asks: "Should I have put in lots of climbing ivy and castellated walls, and made it look like a

British Rail Getaway Weekend to Dunsinane Castle? Actually, I think it's quite a literal set, there are huge staircases leading to real rooms, the design has a physical logic to it, it doesn't have arbitrary images for the sake of it. It's not naturalistic, that's true, no 12th-century breeze-blocks."

The set is modern, but the costumes are Jacobean. Crowley likes mixing the two, and thinks "it's natural, you've got to surround the faces in a black world with white ruffs and collars, so that the face is suspended, almost Billie Whitelaw in Samuel Beckett". While describing *Macbeth* as the "least decorated" thing he has done, he admits that he does not go in much for decoration anyway.

"I like to be visually stimulated by a set, but I also like some of the pieces of the jigsaw to be left out. To me, the most beautiful thing on stage is space, you see, and I don't like a lot of clutter getting in the way. That's mostly because of the kind of work I've been doing: big, classical work in big spaces. For me, the more space there is the purer the language is, and ultimately the language is what we're here to serve. If you're too literal with Shakespeare it just puts a strait-jacket around it and doesn't let the poetry breathe."

"I'm not advocating bareboards Shakespeare - that sort of puritanical self-denial is just an inverted snobbery on the part of some directors. That kind of set drives me insane. I want to throw pink knickers all over it! No, I want a set to be very beautiful, but I still think the most beautiful

thing is to hear the words first, and not to be told how you're meant to hear them. Shakespeare's images are always going to win really."

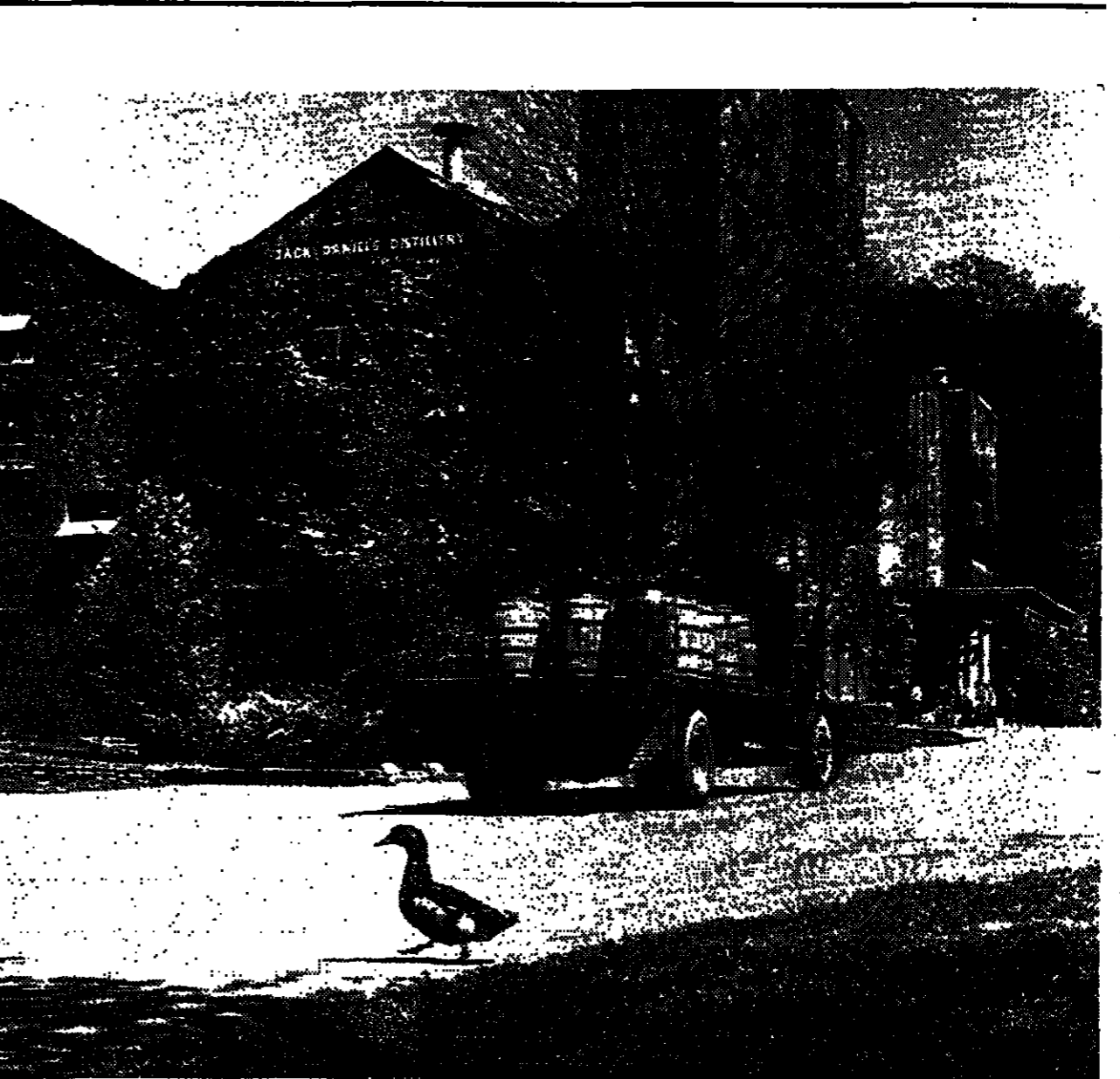
Crowley is an associate designer of the RSC, which means that he does a certain amount of work for them each year and is then free for other projects. To begin with, he visualized doing three or four productions a year, but in 1986 has designed a grand and exhausting total of six RSC plays: *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, *Flight*, *Two Noble Kinsmen*, *Macbeth*, *Pericles* and *Scriptoriae* and his current project, John Whiting's *A Penny for a Song*, which opens at the Barbican tonight.

"It's not really my sort of play; I like to work from a completely imaginary blank space. I kept saying to the director, Howard Davies, I'm not the person to design this play, it's got to have houses and trees - remember, I'm the man who designed *As You Like It* without putting a tree on the stage. But I fell in love with the play, the disconnected, surreal happenings in a South Coast garden, the romantic, Chekhovian feeling of being there at a moment when something is coming which will change the world for ever. There's a great longing and a great sense of innocence about to be lost."

"Actually, my main problem turned out to be that the play is such a delicate little chamber piece, I didn't want it to get lost in the acres of space you are handed on a plate at the Barbican. So I'm trying to contain it within a chamber on the stage."

Despite a certain fatigue brought on by this year's hyper-activity, Crowley has already started on next year's work. He is off to New York next week to discuss the Broadway production of *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, then he starts at Covent Garden on *The King Goes Forth to France* by the Finnish composer Aulis Salinen, which opens on April 1.

"It's a strange, oblique piece which I'm still reading and don't fully understand yet, with a time-scale somehow incorporating the present, a sort of Middle Ages and a new Ice Age. After the previous director and designer had to pull out for personal reasons, Nicholas Hytner and I were asked, at the last minute, to tackle this huge piece, this epic, incomprehensible Finnish opera." Bob Crowley laughs again, obviously relishing the prospect.



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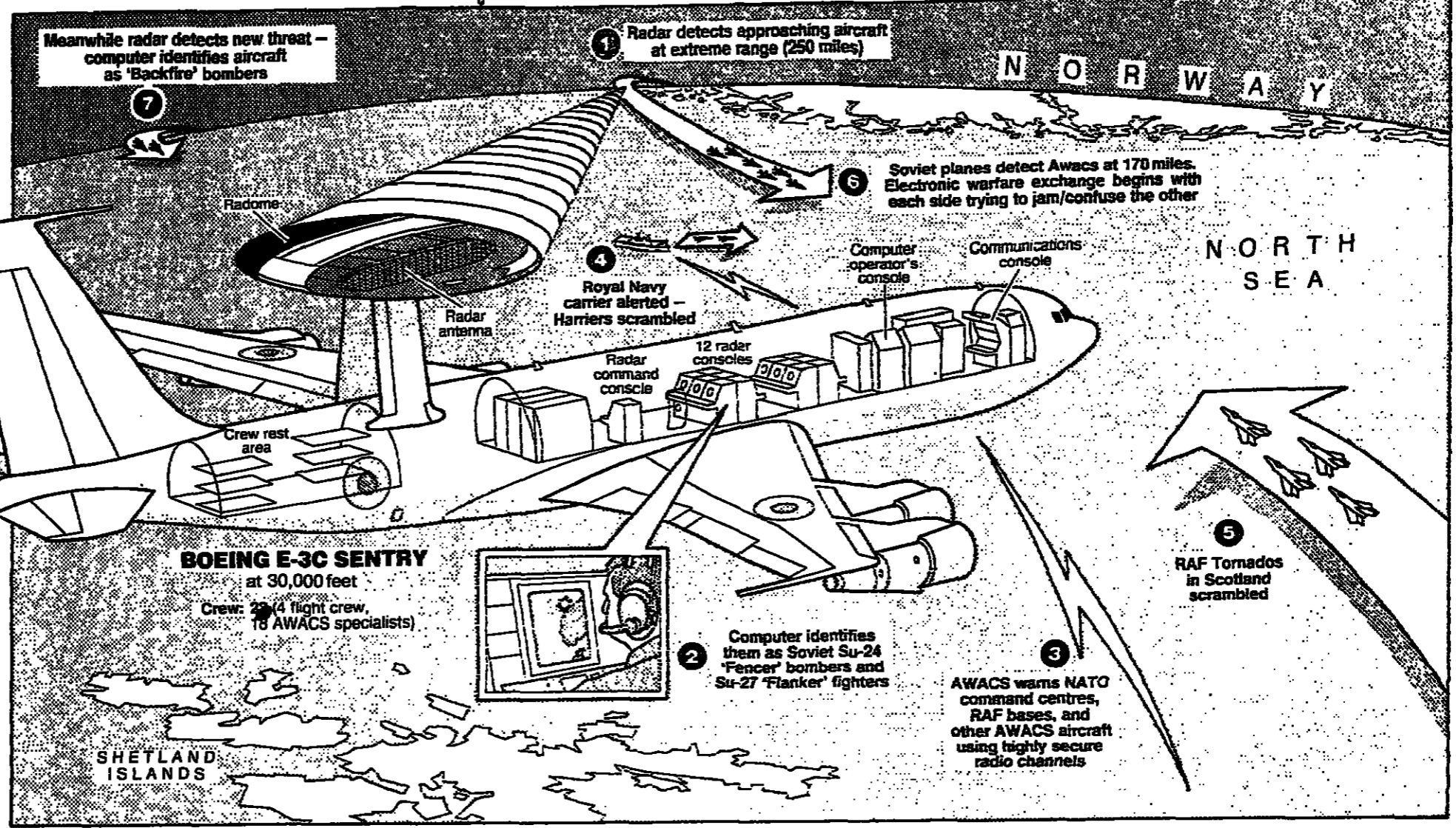
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most appropriate radar for land and sea. There are more than a dozen communications channels, all using different equipment, wavelengths and transmission methods...

performance under wet and stormy European conditions. It is not too difficult to design a sensitive radar capable of picking up fast moving, low-level targets...

the sum spent so far on the same problems with Nimrod. Awacs was designed to work over land, but the US Air Force wanted to cover some sea areas...

land. There is no doubt that GEC has been on the way to solving them, but it would take more time and much more money to produce a radar as effective as the Awacs system...

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Peter Heyes, a Middlesex mistletoe merchant, says: "At worst a little comes from Worcestershire and Lincoln, 95 per cent of what is sold is from the Continent..."

'Romantic mistletoe has a long history of disapproval'. This mistletoe for some apothecaries in London and sold them a quantity for 10 shillings each time...

Crash of an heroic villain

The fall of Ivan Boesky has sent an echo down the years, but Richard Whitney was in a class of his own



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He stole from his own stock exchange. calmed frightened traders, was a spectacular bid which convincing them that the bankers remained confident...

financial pit that he had begun digging as early as 1923. His inflated view of his ability to manage not just money but enterprises had led him to invest in applejack distilleries...

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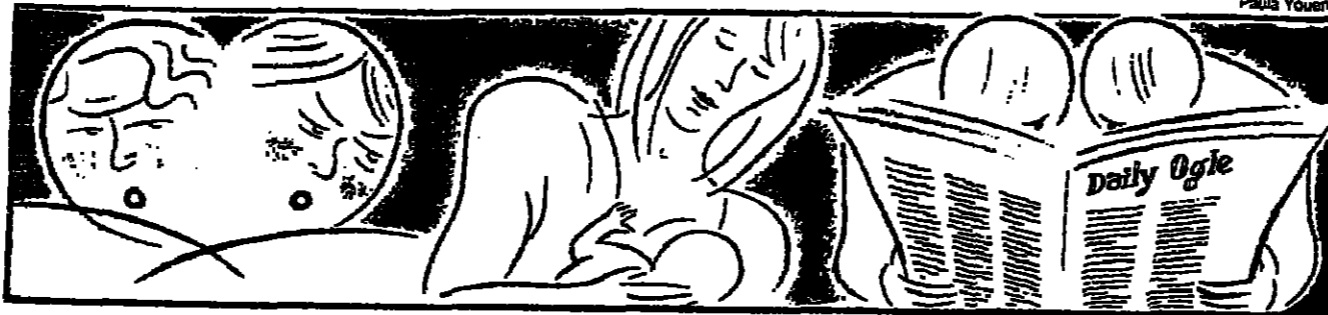
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

'What makes public breast-feeding a moral question is not the act itself but the arguments used to justify performing it'

As any acquaintance of mine would confirm, breast-feeding is not a subject I spend much time worrying about. In my view, it's a sensible practice which saves a lot of time-consuming bother with formulas and an endless need to replace chewed-up rubber teats.



Paula Younes

I didn't know, in fact, that mothers were lactating in stately homes, but this was drawn to my attention by a Times column written by Margery Roberts who disagreed with my attitude to public breast-feeding.

have a baby that even by the demanding standards of the four or five-month-old needed rather a lot of attention. Her baby, she pointed out, likes to feed for "much of the evening", which was why she moved the meetings of the church committee of which she was secretary from the vestry to her home.

Other readers had more specific suggestions based on their own experiences. British Rail, for example, was unfavourably compared with Sweden where long-distance trains come equipped with "child-compartments".

false claim for privilege by nursing mothers on grounds that they are on some sort of superior moral high ground where their inconsideration must take precedence over all other considerations.

I have been trying to understand why some women seem so keen on publicly breast-feeding. I should think that the desire simply to keep in the swim of dinner conversations and so on is only part of it. In some cases, it may be a slightly martyred bid to get attention. Others may do it as a political stance ranging from feminism to anti-establishmentarianism. Some may do it to shock.

BRIEFLY

Listen for success

Locking into a network of information and support can help boost a woman's chances of career success. With that aim, the National Organization for Women's Management was founded in 1981 to inform women about workshops and courses designed to improve their management and personal skills.

When the hand you're feeding becomes a fist

Seven weeks ago Sally Jones walked out of a police station with blood streaming down her face, two black eyes, a chipped tooth, and a pair of smashed glasses. The damage had been inflicted by a metal ashtray, hurled at her face by a 15-year-old youth.

As Whitehall begins an inquiry, a victim of the growing violence against social workers talks to Jill Sherman

increasingly tense and fidgety, but he showed no overt aggression. Then, one Friday morning, the police called and asked if someone could come down and see some youths who had been brought in. A few minutes later I heard that Barry had been brought in concerning a local burglary.

he threw the ashtray at me. "I had realised he was tense but no more than usual. Sitting next to him I couldn't see the full span of his face or his right hand. He picked up the ashtray with his strong right arm - he's a big lad - and forced it into my face."



Shadowlands: Sally Jones is more wary since the attack

work, too. He couldn't understand why I felt guilty or worried that others would blame me. He thought I was over reacting. I didn't get much sympathy.

ings, my wobbliness, the tearfulness, the odd snide remark or snarl, the misplaced humour, my fear that others would blame me, the occasional yearn to flee from the office and go to bed. I wanted my colleagues to accept this and make allowances for it, I didn't want to be told by my boss that I needed counselling, and I resented it.

A MOUNTING TOLL OF VIOLENCE

A survey of 5,000 health workers, to be published next month, shows that one in 200 have suffered a major injury following a violent attack during the last year. A further one in ten needed first aid and one in 20 had been threatened with weapons, including knives, broken bottles and chairs.

- adequate support to the victim. A recent survey by the British Association of Social Workers showed that less than half the social service department contacted had implemented any security measures at all and few could produce any guidelines. The Health and Safety Executive's draft recommendations include: Using physical devices to offer protection for certain groups of staff, such as personal alarms, panic buttons and two way radios.

At the crease

The cogniscenti are begging Statesbound travellers to return with cans of an extraordinary spray called "Wrinkle Free". You spray it on your clothes and the fine mist of fabric softener, water and alcohol removes the creases almost instantly. It can be found in major US department stores - and the sooner we can buy it here, the better.

QUOTE ME...

"Men are very good at not seeing what they don't want to see, even on a simple level like the washing-up piling in the sink. If they don't want to do it, they just literally don't see it. That's a lesson women should learn." - Helen Mirren, actress.

Boxed set

Parents trying to teach very young children to read could find "Flying Start" videos a boon. Nursery school teacher Michele Kinche enlisted Rolf Harris's help in producing a part-film, part-cartoon tale to instruct toddlers in basic literacy and numeracy. It's accompanied by flashcards, story books, work-cards and a guidebook and can be used by children from the age of three. "Flying Start" kits one and two are available at £19.95 each through Virgin, HMV and Woolworth shops and two more should reach the shelves next summer.

TALKBACK From Vicki Ochocki High Beeches Gerrards Cross, Bucks Barbara Amiel's column on domestic violence (December 10) may for some readers encourage the stereotype that wife-hitting mainly occurs when a shrewish woman berates her husband after he has an innocent night out with the boys.

Secretary required, mop supplied

Some bosses are demanding enough to put the vacuum into the sits. vac.



transact business for another." Who has not been the victim of anonymous secretaries who appear to be incapable of taking down an address or telephone number accurately, who use phrases such as "could you, please, indicate the nature of your enquiry" or "Mr Page is in conference at this moment in time, I will endeavour to ensure your message is conveyed to him in due course."

possible misprint for "material" and certainly a violation of the sex equality legislation, unless he doesn't mind employing someone with paternal proclivities. To encourage applicants, he adds: "rusty shorthand will suffice".

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Andrew Wiseman One MD is looking for a PA with maternal instincts' a

Wilfred Beckerman

# The problem of judging evil

The police are right to take precautions to protect Myra Hindley. One can easily imagine the appalling anguish and nightmares that will haunt the parents of their victims as long as they live. If they feel that merely rendering such monsters harmless behind prison bars is not enough, it should be a perfectly understandable reaction in any normal human being. Most of us will also have reacted the same way to last week's sickening and heart-breaking report by the NSPC on the increase in cruelty to children - almost always by their parents.

Our natural instinct on such occasions is to want to mete out dire punishment. We can only justify that to ourselves, of course, if we also pass moral judgement on the perpetrators. In such a climate, arguments like Bernard Levin's defence of the practice of passing moral judgements on people (this page, November 24) will fall on fertile soil.

Mr Levin writes: "The greatest and most dangerous lie of our time is that we are solely the result of our upbringing, our milieu..." etc. He says this is a dangerous lie since it leads to "determinism..." and the "condonation of guilt and the dismissal of responsibility". But this is a total misrepresentation of determinism, which does not require that people's behaviour is determined solely by their environment. Their genes play a part. We would be justified in passing moral judgements only if we thought that people are somehow morally responsible for their genetic endowment.

With increasing scientific understanding of the genetic basis of personality, the absurdity of passing moral judgements on people for acts we abhor but which we know to be the result of, say, some specific abnormality in their chromosomes, will become more obvious.

Suppose we took two people with identical genetic endowments and identical environmental experience, would we expect them to be capable of behaving differently in any particular situation? If the answer is "Yes," then I would like to know what exactly it is in them that would explain the difference. When I challenge philosophers who shrink from the determinist conclusion to give me a straight answer to my question, I am usually met by a smokescreen of technical sophistry. Or I am told that if I were right and that we were entirely the products of our genetic endowment and our environmental experience, then the future would be entirely determined. Now this may be a most unappealing conclusion, but if the logical implication of a certain argument is unpalatable, that hardly refutes the argument. None of this means, however, that behaviour that sickens most of us has to be tolerated. This

dangerous deduction is usually the result of failure to distinguish between passing moral judgements on acts that people carry out. That they cannot say that people are "bad" in a moral sense does not preclude our saying that certain acts are "bad" in the sense that they inflict suffering on other people.

Of course, cruelty to children or anybody else is indescribably revolting. If one likes to call the people who perpetrate such acts "bad," so be it. There is no doubt that they must not be allowed to get away with it. But they are only "bad" in the same sense that an apple is bad if eating it would make you ill. One would not dream of passing moral judgements on the apple for being what it is. But one tends to do so in the case of "bad" people on account of the illusion that they are somehow or other "free".

This illusion of freedom is a natural one, but the fact that we may feel free in the sense that we may consciously be making choices that are not dictated by anybody outside us does not mean we are free in the sense of not being the slaves of what is inside us. It is undignified, I suppose, to admit that we are just a form of infinitely variable robot; but, sadly, that is the fact of the matter.

Fortunately, our own programmes do not prevent us from dealing with those of our kind who have been badly programmed. Since we must condemn their behaviour, which may involve locking them up. But there should be nothing personal about it. We need to be able to say, "We are sorry about this; it is not your fault that you are a monster. But society cannot tolerate such revolting behaviour, and we have to prevent you giving free rein to the 'bad' sides of your nature with which you have been afflicted."

The suffering in this world is already enough to make most people despair of the human race. It is the product of a strange mix of genetic and environmental characteristics, for neither of which are people morally responsible. To accuse them of being so can only generate yet further hatred and vindictiveness, perpetuate the spirit of revenge and intolerance, and corrupt even those most appalled by the type of behaviour that they rightly condemn. An ideal - but no doubt unattainable - society would know how to maintain a spirit of revulsion for acts that hurt other people, and how to minimize them without cultivating an instinctive hatred for the perpetrators of such acts. Probably the best we can do is to recognize that any increase in the sum total of hatred and intolerance can only make the world an even more unpleasant place for most people to live in. The author is a Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford.

moreover... Miles Kingston

# Shirt tales in the air

Hong Kong! The very name was like the ping of a cash register. I was so excited at the thought of arriving in a duty-free area 25 miles long that I could not sleep. At the hour when everyone else in the aircraft had been put into a deep trance by the in-flight movie - in which Tom Conti tried to look like a Pope, but succeeded only in resembling Ringo Starr - and the stewardess had turned the lights off, I went for a walk in my padded feet.

Thus it was that I climbed up the small spiral staircase at the front, and there it was that I found several veteran travellers still awake, sitting round a small log fire with glasses of brandy, exchanging travellers' yarns.

"Tell me about Hong Kong," I begged them.

"Hong Kong?" said one. "Imagine a large lump of rock colonized entirely by the Tottenham Court Road."

"It is so geared to shopping," said another, "that you are given a free supermarket trolley on arrival."

"It is the only airport in the world where there are three channels," said another. "Something to Declare, Nothing to Declare and Owing a Suit to be Made. While Going Through Customs."

"I remember the first shirt I ever had made in Hong Kong," said the opening speaker reflectively. "I had never been in the place before and I wanted to find a factory where I could order 10,000 plastic toys incorporating a real fire hazard and three toxic ingredients in time for the Christmas season."

"Worked for a big store chain, did you?"

"No, for a big newspaper. They can't get through Christmas without a Death Trap Toy Horror story. Anyway, I went into a tailor's shop to ask the way, and as I stepped through the door I was aware of someone running a tape-measure over me."

"As I walked across the floor to the counter I could hear machines whirring, and just as I reached the counter there was the rustle of packing paper. The man behind the counter smiled and said: 'Three white shirts to your measurements, sir.' It had taken them precisely 17 seconds to make. I still wear them to this day,

and none of them have ever fitted me properly."

"Impressive," said a large man with a ginger toupee. "But I think I can beat that. I was once in Hong Kong for 16 hours. A long stay, I know, but I was delayed by having to fill in as Governor for a while. So I decided to take a long roll of cloth, left behind by my predecessor, to a tailor's and get it run up into clothes. There must have been enough in it for 50 shirts. I went in, saw it taken away by an assistant, and while I was still haggling over the price, saw it brought back as 50 shirts."

"Get you were pleased."

"Not really. I wanted it turned into dresses for my wife, you see. But before my very eyes - and this is where Hong Kong beats everywhere else - they converted those shirts into nine dresses. My wife still wears them and they fit nicely. They've all got collars at waist level. You can't have everything."

"I have a strange story to tell about Hong Kong shirts," said a man who had been silent so far. "I had been to a tailor to order 100 suits to be made overnight. He said this would involve building a new factory that evening. I said that would be fine, as long as he didn't make too much noise. But that night I was called away by my company of engineers to build a dam in Thailand, and I was there for three years without collecting the suits. From there I was called to an irrigation scheme in Lesotho and from there to land reclamation in the worst part of Central America. After eight years working in the worst conditions in the world, I finally got back to Hong Kong to claim those suits, only to find..."

"They weren't ready?"

"Oh, they were ready all right. No, I found that while I had been away I had shrunk three sizes and my shape had changed entirely."

"Money down the drain," said ginger toupee.

"Not at all," said the 100-suit man. "They all now fitted me perfectly."

"That reminds me of a story I heard about a man who found fly buttons fitted to his socks," said ginger toupee, at which point I crept away into the night and went back to dream about Hong Kong (Tomorrow, I land in Hong Kong and buy a jade Buddha with autofocus shutter and AM/FM tuner).

# Nimrod: the big questions

Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, recounts the history of his firm's contender and appeals for a fair chance to clear away the confusion



assessment of development programmes, no MoD team members, expressed any residual concern and no copy of the report was offered to GEC for comment - although Boeing seems to have found itself in a position to issue a statement stating that the evaluation had been conducted in an "exemplary" manner and was, in its opinion, "technically thorough and scrupulously fair". We could not possibly have written such a statement because we have never had access to the necessary information on which it is presumably based.

The unanswered questions surrounding the project can only serve to cloud the issues. We have fulfilled our obligations under the arrangements which were entered into with the MoD in February 1986.

However, if Nimrod is so bad now after its "amazing" progress in the last nine months, how could it ever have been right to waste another £50 million, half of it public money? If this is not the case, why was Nimrod not eliminated in August when three alternative systems were dropped?

## Why, why?

Why has no critical comment been received since last March on the technical progress we have reported? Why is Lockheed/Georgis prepared to rely on Nimrod avionics for worldwide sales of airborne early-warning systems? Why the ministerial statements that Nimrod "works"? Above all else, why does the MoD steadfastly refuse to show us the technical assessment which an "official" told *The Sunday Times* he will make public to GEC's detriment?

Surely, we should now be given the opportunity of putting forward our critique of the whole assessment before some mutually agreed independent party capable of making a judgement as to whether the conclusions of the assessment are justified.

If that assessment is right, and as one of the government's largest suppliers of military equipment, we will be very grateful to have been saved the loss and ignominy which failure on our part to fulfil the contract would involve. If not, the government would want to reconsider.

Because of the importance and significance of this matter for Britain, in terms of defence, avionics jobs, export earnings and national pride, the decision should not be allowed to be taken against such a background of seeming confusion and disorder.

The essential features of our agreement with the government were that we would work closely with the Ministry of Defence to do everything possible to ensure that the Nimrod airborne early-warning system met the RAF's cardinal points specification; that the Ministry of Defence would examine alternatives to satisfy it that it was getting good value for money for the remaining Nimrod programme, or a fall-back alternative if that should prove necessary; and that GEC would take 50 per cent of the financial risk.

No-one who benefited from the protection of the RAF during the onslaught of the Luftwaffe in the 1940s should feel other than an awed respect for the service. Of course the RAF must have an early-warning system which meets its specification and is available at reasonable cost and within the stipulated time. Had we been in any doubt that we could achieve this, we would not since March 1986 have put £25 million of our own money into the project. Still worse, if delivery was three years late, as has been suggested it might be, that would cost the company well over £200 million under the onerous contract terms we have promised to accept. So there is every reason for GEC to drop out of the contract if Nimrod will not do the job. But we do not believe that to be the case.

## No criticism

Progress on the development has been continually notified over the past months to the MoD and RAF in a series of reports which showed that all the target dates had been either met or beaten. I have received no criticism from the MoD.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, little or no active assistance was rendered either constructively or critically by the MoD during these months, except for the provision of target aircraft and visits at our invitation to see for themselves what was being done. On these occasions, the comment tended to be complimentary and certainly not critical.

The fact is that the company has demonstrated that it will be able to meet the RAF's specification against which the performance of both systems was to be measured: what was not envisaged was a sudden-death playoff of the two systems in their present state. As the Secretary of State for Defence said recently in a broadcast, the Nimrod system works, but the task put on GEC Avionics last March was to establish that the Nimrod would meet the RAF

specification at the end of the development period.

That Boeing's Awacs is operational today, although still below the RAF's requirements, does not mean that its delivery will be any sooner or its capability any greater than Nimrod's. In fact, Nimrod looks certain to be ready sooner, with added functions for much less than the Boeing cost.

Had our performance been as bad as it is apparently painted, it is extraordinary that we could have been nominated as recently as September 25 to go forward for final adjudication when the three other contenders were eliminated. Even later, at the end of September, we were asked by the MoD to continue for a further three months on the same 50:50 pricing arrangement.

Contrary to recent media reports that Nimrod has been achieving only a 30 per cent success rate in trials, the project has achieved 91 hours and 40 minutes of successful mission

operation out of a potential 100 hours (20 flights) between October 23 and last Friday afternoon.

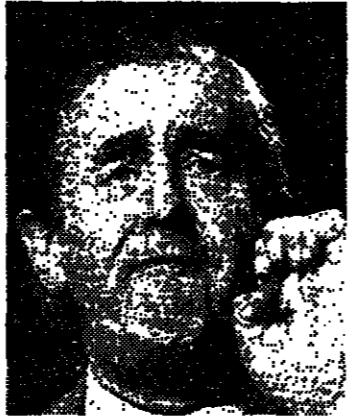
The nature of the comments in some newspapers purporting to emanate from the Ministry of Defence suggests that Nimrod cannot be made to work, or would in any case be years late. But our people, just as experienced, dedicated and patriotic, say precisely the opposite, and question the depth of the assessment given the magnitude of the programme. And Lockheed is offering to many countries overseas an airborne early-warning system comprising its famous Hercules C-130 airframe and GEC's Nimrod mission system - clearly Lockheed is fully satisfied with the system.

I have outlined why any layman might doubt the validity of the assessment, but why do our experts doubt it? Because the assessment of schedules and resources was not interlinked or coordinated with the technical

**The Government are anxious to give the company the chance to demonstrate that it can complete the project satisfactorily. The company has now shown its commitment to, and confidence in, its ability to do this. It has also recognized - I pay tribute to it for this - the need to show that its solution is competitive with the alternatives that are on offer. The Government have sought in the negotiations to give it every opportunity to recover a most unsatisfactory position which reflects, in part, wider shortcomings in the management of defence procurement. That, too, must be vigorously tackled.**

*Commons statement by Norman Lamont, Minister of Defence Procurement, February 26, 1986*

# How soon will EEC mountains begin to fall?



Jopling: 'Incarcerated'

Hence repeated failure to tackle the absurdities of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The CAP is "like a resident expanding cuckoo" said a British official. It swallows up more than two-thirds of the EEC budget in farm-price support and storage. But somebody in the EEC is always on the verge of an election.

The British view is that while rural sensitivities are important, it is not necessarily electorally disastrous to tell voters that the EEC as a whole has agreed to grasp the nettle of farm reform. On the contrary, yet another national row with the EEC may prove electorally unpopular. "After all," said a British source, "we may not be far off an election ourselves."

The outcome of this week's frantic pre-Christmas rush, while



Delors: stark warning

it has achieved a great deal against the odds and against the clock, does store up trouble for the future - which means the Belgian presidency in the first half of 1987. But Sir Geoffrey is able to claim, with justice, that Britain has paved the way for both farm reform and cheaper air fares - the two most prominent European issues.

Mrs Thatcher will be able to claim that a start has been made in cutting farm spending so that an overhaul of the EEC's finances as demanded by the Commission can begin.

But Jacques Delors, the Commission president, still smarting from his humiliation at Mrs Thatcher's hands at the London summit, wants to get to grips with the catastrophic budget overrun immediately in the New

Year. He warns starkly that the EEC will simply run out of cash by mid-1987 and non-farming programmes such as regional and social spending or research funding will collapse. Yesterday's British-engineered agreement on milk and beef is qualified by loopholes and conditions, and if the Commission waits for Mr Gummer's vision of falling food mountains to come about before tackling overall financing it will wait a long time.

The surprises, for all Mr Jopling's efforts, are not about to disappear, and the beef mountain, paradoxically, may even rise as dairy farmers slaughter cattle to reduce milk and butter output.

Restructuring EEC finances could involve in the long term restructuring the system of rebates won amid much clamour by Mrs Thatcher at the Fontainebleau summit two years ago, and in the short term almost certainly means emergency extra national contributions to meet over-spending. Both arose Mrs Thatcher's ire, as she made clear in an uncompromising and, on the whole, ill-received performance at the European Parliament last week.

In other words Britain, against the odds, has started the CAP reform rolling, though whether in time or on the scale needed to solve the immediate budgetary headaches remains to be seen.

But yesterday the Belgians, who take over the presidency in two weeks time, were generous in their praise of the British achievement even while looking ahead somewhat anxiously to the budget crunch which they confidentially expect will take place in the spring under their chairmanship, whatever new proposals Mr Delors and the Commission come up with when he tours EEC capitals in the New Year.

Richard Owen

# Preposidioms

Philip Howard: New Words for Old

from in his idiolect. We had better look into the matter.

The brisk answer to this particular foible in people's idiolects is that it is a supersuperior, if not a fetish. *The Oxford English Dictionary* reports that the usual construction is now different "from", but that different "to" is found in writers of all ages. For those who turn purple and hiss at the supposed American barbarism different "than", I regret to tell you that "different than" is found in such masters of English as Fuller, Addison, Steele, Defoe, Fanny Burney, Coleridge, Southey, De Quincey, Carlyle and Thackeray.

The grammatical argument for different "from" is that the preposition stays the same after morphologically related verbs,

adjectives and nouns. I differ from, different from, difference from. But this correspondence is erratic: full of, but filled with; proud of, but pride in; this accords with, but according to; I neglect, but negligent of; this derogates from, derogatory to. The prepositions that go with certain words are matters of idiom, taste, and idiolect; and all are in a state of constant flux.

My teacher friend, who is a good classicist as well as an English purist, adheres to his idiolect: "I remain obstinate (or fairly so) that the likes of Ovid and Shakespeare are allowed to break rules and make them, but lesser mortals should be more diffident." The prefix "dis-" has essentially the implication of "apart", separation, and this must take from, and not to. The latter, except from the

# THE TIMES DIARY

## Lunch break

Following my report of constant crossed telephone lines between the Liberal Party headquarters and Conservative Central Office, I understand that the Palace of Westminster has now become embroiled. An aide to David Steel walls that each time he has tried to contact a prominent Liberal in London he has been connected to the British embassy in Paris, whence a recorded message informed him: "The British embassy is closed for lunch."

## Prescient

Tory MP Sir John Biggs-Davison, sponsor of Peter Bruinvels' well-supported private member's bill on controlling crossbows, smiles at the memory of his parliamentary question on the same subject in 1979. "I have no evidence that such legislation would be justified," replied the Labour Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees. It is not the first time Biggs-Davison has been ahead of the game. "Some years ago I wrote to a minister to suggest that traffic wardens might be appointed to relieve the police, only to be told the proposal was 'quite impractical'," he tells me.

## Dry run

Red faces at the Consumers' Association this week over a Thames Valley hospitality given a top rating in its 1987 *Good Pub Guide*, which urges drinkers to sample its "outstanding bars, views over the Thames and tasty ales". There is no doubt that the Caversham Bridge hotel at Reading is out of this world - it was demolished last July to make way for a leisure centre.

BARRY FANTONI



"So when I saw these two conductors, I said to myself, 'I'll off the interval drink.'"

## Oh, lord

I thought for a moment that Andrew Lloyd Webber had found a new lyricist in the unlikely person of Lord Longford. At a London presentation the perky peer confided that he had been approached by a hack who wished to interview him on his musical interests. "Had he, perhaps, heard of my intended collaboration on Lloyd Webber's next musical?" asked Longford. I suppose we must brace ourselves for a new West End money-spinner, *Prisoner's Progress*.

● A shareholder at the Glaxo AGM, noting that the company's shares had fallen from £11 at the beginning of last year to 29, suggested that the board might co-opt Victor Barns, who claims to have discovered a cure for which there is no known disease.

## Guru of gloom

The economy must be in a sorry state indeed, judging by the gloomy comments of Charles Goodhart, the Bank of England's former chief adviser, at a conference of the Institute of Economic Affairs. Confessing to deep pessimism about the value of setting targets for the money supply, the guru of Thatcherism, Street said at his time there that he had been challenged to produce a positive suggestion out of a negative critique. Now unconstrained by political considerations he knew exactly what to do to solve Britain's economic ills: "I would abolish sterling and the Bank of England and have our policy run by the Bundesbank."

## No Noel

Belfast's hard-line Unionist lord mayor, Alderman Sammy Wilson, is so pleased with his "Belfast Says Noel" quip which I reported recently that he has used the slogan on the civic Christmas cards he and his mayors, Rhonda Paisley (Ian's daughter) have dispatched to dignitaries throughout the world - but not, it appears, to the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King, who is to be denied any such felicitations.

## Percussive

After a series of 999 calls, police and firemen investigated a bomb scare in Swansea this week and found the culprits to be musicians - the reported explosions and smoke had been caused by the Welsh Philharmonic Orchestra and two brass bands rehearsing Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture complete with cannon booms. Police later patrolled the streets, warning residents of the next performance.





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# PAYING IN ANGER

Out of about 36 million people in Britain who can vote, only 18 million pay any rates, and of those only 12 million pay rates in full. This alone is enough to demonstrate the unfairness of the existing system. But worse is the fact that since most of the money goes to authorities in inner cities with the highest social needs, it also goes to many leftist authorities which are bureaucratically inefficient and given to irresponsible over-spending, even on top of the Government's redistributionist financing.

They know that the bill can be charged up to the rate payers without any ill consequences to themselves, since the majority of their political supporters, paying little or no rates, have no incentive to call them to account. Instead, the burden falls on a minority of local people — and on businesses which have no votes and which are often driven from these areas, taking with them the employment prospects the inner cities so badly need.

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Nicholas Ridley, has now confirmed the intention to abolish domestic rates in the next Parliament. It is intended that virtually the whole electorate, and resident foreigners, should pay a community charge in part or in full, including even students, pensioners and people on social security. For these exceptional categories there would be rebates, but even so there would be a minimum payment of some 20 per cent. The community charge, so the theory runs, will give every voter an incentive to call his local authority to account.

The objective is unexceptional, but that is more than can be said with any confidence for its feasibility. Important questions remain to be answered. The Government hopes that the bill, now before Parliament, to introduce a community charge in Scotland will provide both a pilot scheme and reassurance.

It may or it may not. Scotland is being dealt with first, partly because political discontent over rating revaluation has been sharper there, and partly because the difference between the highest and lowest rate in Scotland is narrower so that the change will have less of an impact on individuals. Yet even in Scotland, making people pay a local tax who have never paid one before is, to say the least, a dubious political attraction.

But the largest doubts relate to feasibility. There is, first, the question of the public's acceptance of the tax and its willingness to pay. Nobody can escape PAYE or indirect tax. But the collection of the new charge will depend very much on the tax-payer, including students, lodgers and people moving frequently from place to place whom it will be hard to trace. Local authorities will need a list of the names and addresses of everyone liable to pay the charge. How will that be compiled?

Anxious that the new charge should not be called a poll tax, the Government at first seemed to disclaim any intention to use the electoral roll. But it now seems that local authorities may be invited to use the roll as at least one of their sources. This has the grave objection that it could be

an inducement for people to keep their names off the electors' list. The alternative is some kind of census requiring a cooperation which might not always be forthcoming.

Ministers have some ideas for overcoming these difficulties. Local authorities would be able to get orders enabling them to deduct the community charge payment in instalments from the earnings of defaulters (and from the social security of non-earners?). But that will place a massive burden on an already over-stretched tax-collecting system, even allowing for computerisation.

There are also to be fines for non-registration, but how is registration to be policed? The Government assumes that it will be in the interests of local authorities to identify those due to pay. But will this really be true of leftist local authorities whose own supporters will be due to pay the charge, after years of not being asked to pay rates?

Payment for lodgers will be dealt with by a special collective charge for which landlords will be liable? But how is this going to catch the many casual and "unofficial" lodgers staying in apparently private homes? In short, this could become a nightmare of new bureaucracy imposed by a Government dedicated to the reverse. It is possible that this well-meant change will be much more damaging to the government than even its former attempts to reform local government. The Conservatives may come to wish they had stuck to some kind of reform that was still based firmly on the visible ownership of property.

# REAGAN'S REALPOLITIK

If it had emerged two months ago that the United States was giving intelligence information to the Iraqis so that they might evaluate and improve their bombing raids against Iran, the news would have caused very little stir. For several years the United States has been known to be "leaning" towards Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war and some such assistance would have been regarded as little more than a detail confirming the fact.

What has given this report such spice is the genuine revelation in the intervening period that the United States had also supplied arms to the Iraqis, either in order to restore good relations with a strategically important power, or to facilitate the release of American hostages. There is a Gallic touch in the idea of selling high-priced arms to the Iraqis, giving the Iraqis the information with which to destroy them, and gaining *kudus* with both sides as a result.

It is almost a pity to conclude that this Machiavellian interpretation of US policy is probably a mistaken one. The amount of arms delivered to the Iraqis during the brief period of US-Iranian detente was equal to less than one per cent of Iran's total arms purchases over the period — far too little to influence the outcome of the war, to estab-

lish anything like an alliance or even to provide the Iraqi air force with a tempting target. The Iraqis at least saw the logic of this since they gratefully continued the intelligence relationship after the negotiations with Iran became public knowledge. They apparently took the view that the provision of intelligence information to them represented a more serious and long-term commitment of American foreign policy than did the provision of arms to Iran. And they are plainly right.

The more that is known about President Reagan's approach to Iran, the less it appears to have been inspired by any great strategic design. It seems to have been a catch-all affair, embarked upon by the White House for a number of reasons, principally to secure the release of the hostages through a deal in which arms were the currency.

The "tilt" to Iraq was based on the more secure ground of a common interest in preventing an Iranian victory in the Gulf war. From the American standpoint, this would risk bringing down local pro-Western regimes, destabilising the region generally and giving encouragement to pro-Iranian terrorist groups in the Middle East.

A negotiated settlement would, of course, be the most desirable result. So the pros-

pect of acting as honest broker in such negotiations may well have been among President Reagan's motives in approaching Iran. But it was always a long shot. Negotiations have been obstructed until now by the conviction of the Ayatollah Khomeini's regime that victory is possible and indeed likely, and nothing seemed likely to change that.

Providing intelligence to Iraq could thus be justified on two grounds. By shoring up Iraq, it would at least prevent the damaging consequences of an outright Iranian victory, and it might even produce a stalemate on the battlefield and finally force the Iraqis to the conference table. (Something like that may yet happen given recent Iranian reverses.)

If that meant giving assistance to both sides, the White House could comfort itself that such duplicity is not uncommon. The Soviet Union, for instance, supplies arms directly to Iraq, and via Libya and Syria to Iran. In a democracy, however, such manoeuvres are likely to become public knowledge, as this one did yesterday, making the US administration look both hypocritical and foolish, as this one did yesterday. But the folly involved was not the assistance to Iraq, but President Reagan's ill-fated approach to the Ayatollah.

# END OF A LONG INNINGS

The National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR) has won a famous victory in Trinidad and Tobago, inflicting upon the ruling People's National Movement (PNM) a comprehensive defeat in the island's general election. Despite government reverses in local elections and a poor showing in the opinion polls, few had predicted such an outcome — which saw the Prime Minister and most of his Cabinet unseated.

The PNM has held power continuously since independence 30 years ago, first under the guiding hand of its founder, Dr Eric Williams, and since his death in 1981, under the outgoing Prime Minister, George Chambers. In the last election five years ago, it trounced a divided opposition at a time of continuing prosperity.

On that occasion, however, only 56 per cent of the electorate voted, reflecting partly the shortage of issues, and partly the failure of Trinidad politicians to construct a coherent opposition.

devalued by 33 per cent last year, the collapse of several finance houses and rising unemployment. This turn-around for Trinidad's 1.2 million souls, who not so long before were comfortably sustained by a large sugar industry, an exporting offshore oilfield and burgeoning tourism, has come as a shock to the system.

There has been at least an element of bad luck — as with the collapse of the world oil price. But the government has also been criticised for mis-handling the oil revenue and for failing both to modernise the sugar industry and to diversify the economy. For one triumphant NAR candidate to declare, as he did last night, that his party's success was a "blow against corruption, vice and immorality" might be putting it a little strongly. But power tends to breed complacency and Trinidad and Tobago (the island where Defoe shipwrecked Robinson Crusoe) has looked in some need of fresh air.

Moreover, the opposition parties have at last got their act together. The NAR — a merger of four existing parties — has managed to break the ethnic mould which had previously

characterised local politics — with the blacks and urban Indians traditionally supporting the PNM. This time the accepted divisions have seemed to be no longer valid.

There is unlikely to be any dramatic change in Trinidad's foreign policy. George Chambers was a critic of President Reagan's Grenada intervention three years ago and, more recently, boycotted the controversial England cricket tour. But relations with Britain and the United States have remained for the most part very close. Although geographically closer to the Venezuelan coast, Trinidad's biggest trading partner is the US — and it is hard to see how this can change very markedly.

Such extravagance seems unlikely to be encouraged under the leadership of the new Prime Minister, Mr Arthur Raymond Napoleon Robinson, the Oxford-educated lawyer whose Immediate Action Plan will concentrate on uniting the elements in local society and encouraging the middle classes to save and invest. He will need time to prove his mettle. But Trinidad would seem to need him — and Britain should wish him well.

# Putting Aids in moral context

From Mr R. C. Sopwith  
Sir, Bernard Levin is mistaken to assume, in an otherwise trenchant article on December 1, that historically the universities have been amongst the strongest defenders of intellectual freedom. So far from providing (as he puts it) one of the "pillars of the open society", for centuries the English universities safeguarded precisely the opposite. In 16th-century Spain and in Nazi Germany universities took the initiative in persecution of the heterodox, and sacked their own professors.

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consciences long ago, having been made indifferent to shame by a process akin to brutalisation.

Mr Levin may find this assertion as difficult to believe as the news that a university had officially banned free speech. He is still welcome to come and find out for himself, so long (of course) as he doesn't try to open his mouth in public.

Yours sincerely,  
R. A. STRADLING,  
1 Rectory Road,  
Penarth, South Glamorgan,  
December 6.

From Mr Christopher Short  
Sir, I have been handed a copy of the letter from Dr L. A. Moritz, Vice-Principal of University College, Cardiff, in your issue of December 5.

I can directly contradict Dr Moritz. He says "the unfortunate events of Mr Enoch Powell's visit ... were unique in this college's history".

This is incorrect. I was an undergraduate in Cardiff and attended a demonstration against Mr Enoch Powell on November 7, 1968. At that time I was treasurer of the University Socialist Society. Prior to the meeting we had discussed tactics to stop him speaking. My diary for the period states "next week ... the Enoch Powell meeting may be a riot".

We attended his meeting in the Old Students' Union, Park Place, Cardiff, after picketing the entrance to the meeting. We caused some chaos inside the meeting, drowning his speech, but then decided to leave and included in our number was Mr Ted Rowlands, who is now the Labour MP for Merthyr Tydfil.

We then held our own meeting outside and Mr Enoch Powell had to be smuggled out of a back entrance wearing, I recall, a chauffeur's cap as an attempt at disguise, and he was hustled away by an official of the Conservative Association in a Land-Rover parked at a side entrance to the building.

Yours faithfully,  
CHRISTOPHER SHORT,  
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42 Charles Street,  
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

# Price of oil

From Sir Colin Campbell  
Sir, It is fascinating to see the Bank of England noting the advantages to the Eschequer of a somewhat higher oil price just at a time when Opec are meeting.

It has seemed to me since the marked price fall at the beginning of this year that the low oil price could only be said to be to our national advantage on a very short time perspective, if at all. The time has now come for our Government to take the same attitude towards Opec as the Norwegians have done.

To acquiesce in a situation where no one can afford to develop new reserves in the North Sea seems contrary to the long-term national interest as well as being a very disadvantageous short term for employment in the

areas affected and in the implications for Britain's oil supply boat fleets and other oil-related service industries.

Oil is no different from any other commodity in the sense that its price is dictated by supply and demand. What is needed is for Opec to join together with other oil exporting countries to agree on a price policy. It is in the interests of all, and certainly this country, for that price level to be one on the basis of which it is economic to carry out new development.

In addition, as the Scottish Development Agency is saying, there needs to be a rejig of the tax regime for oil companies to encourage a real resumption of exploration.

Yours faithfully,  
COLIN CAMPBELL,  
Kilbride Castle,  
Dunblane, Perthshire.

# Industry and pupils

From the Head Master of St Peter's School, York  
Sir, In this last month of Industry Year I have just returned from a joint Services conference at Sandhurst for head teachers, chaired by the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.

Our 24 hours with senior officers made me reflect on the marked differences in the Services' and industry's approach to keeping in touch with and recruiting in our schools.

The three Services send us excellent liaison officers who come in and interview interested pupils on an individual and continuing basis; they offer us visits from slick and highly professional presentation teams; they

make every effort to invite heads and careers teachers into Services establishments.

In contrast industry does little in this direction: no presentation teams, no equivalent of the Services' liaison officer, few attempts to get head teachers and their staffs into factories and board rooms to talk with and be briefed by senior management.

Are difficult economic conditions and the legitimate pursuit of profits sufficient excuse for industry's neglect of those school opportunities which are so enterprisingly grasped by our Armed Services? Yours faithfully, ROBIN PITTMAN, Head Master, St Peter's School, York.

# View of deterrence

From Mr Philip Payne  
Sir, David Hart's defence of Star Wars (feature, December 2) rests upon four assumptions, all false.

First, that the Russians now have a first-strike capability and can make a nuclear attack on America, knowing that no adequate reprisal will follow. Given the impossibility of hitting nuclear

silos before the early warning system signals that their missiles should be launched, and given the existence of 5,500 submarine US warheads (figures in *The Times*, March 12, 1985), this assumption is groundless.

Second, that Star Wars is a system bound to succeed because of "the onward rush of technology". In fact it has been the repeated statement of disinterested scientists on both sides of the Atlantic that the project is either impossible, or not achievable until well into the 21st century. Hopes for peace simply cannot wait that long.

Third, that the Americans will share all their Star Wars secrets with the Russians, so that the umbrella will keep the terrible rain from both sides. This is tantamount to saying, "We will keep nuclear weapons because we don't trust you not to make an attack with your overwhelming conventional forces; but we now give you the technology to make them powerless against you."

Fourth, that the only alternative to mutually assured destruction is acceptance of Star Wars. In fact the only real alternative is a complete zero option: no nuclear weapons to threaten unborn generations with the barbarity of the present one.

It is interesting that both world leaders have now raised this possibility. How tragic if the desire of Mrs Thatcher (and, alas, Mr Mitterrand) to stay in some unreal superpower league should be a factor in making such a sane programme less likely. Yours faithfully, PHILIP PAYNE, 9 Angelsea Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester, Essex.

# Koran in translation

From Mr P. J. Everington  
Sir, If the Literary Editor wants to give us his selection of religions (December 10) I suggest he take his shoes off first.

Yes, there are criteria of style for the translation of Holy Writ. There is also an etiquette for treading on other people's holy ground.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER EVERINGTON,  
54 St George's Square, SW1,  
December 11.

# Access to documents

From Mr Maurice Cowling  
Sir, I do not believe that historians have a right to see official papers. But I was surprised to read your report (December 12) about the attempt which Sir Robert Armstrong is supposed to be making to prevent publication of Neville Chamberlain's diary.

By the kindness of Mr and Mrs Lloyd, Chamberlain's daughter and son-in-law, I was permitted to see it freely in *The Impact of Hitler* in 1975 and I understand that it has been freely accessible to scholars since.

Can there be any purpose in bolting the door now? Yours faithfully, MAURICE COWLING, Peterborough, Cambridge, December 12.

A leading article on December 1 incorrectly stated that the teaching unions abandoned a "concordat" with Government on teachers' pay. It was the local education authorities who, in 1985, withdrew from an agreement between them and Government.

# ON THIS DAY

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In the 1930s billiards was a more popular game than snooker, thanks largely to the brilliance of an Australian left-hander, Walter Lindrum, OBE (1898-1960), described as the greatest scoring player the game had ever known. He won this tournament, conceding 7,000 in every match, defeating Newman in the final by 1,371. Two years later he broke his own record with 4,137, and gave a private exhibition before the King at Buckingham Palace.

# BILLIARDS

## LINDRUM BEATS ALL RECORDS

W. Lindrum created a new world's record in his game in the international tournament with McConachy at Thurston's Hall yesterday when he increased a break of 3 (unfinished) to 3,905.

In doing so Lindrum beat his previous highest break of 3,262, which was at the end of which he realised 2,378 (unfinished), and altogether he was playing approximately for three hours in making the break, at the end of which, having lost the white, he left his opponent in double baulk. In the course of the day Lindrum reduced McConachy's lead from 5,160 to 1,163.

If Lindrum is able to win this match, after all, it will represent one of the greatest achievements of his career. Lindrum has beaten all of his opponents by a wide margin, on level terms, but the concession of a long start is a bigger feat than if a match on level terms had been won by a corresponding margin.

Lindrum's play was so accurate that the only real difficulty he experienced in scoring the first 1,000 points was when he had to make a difficult *massé* stroke at the end of a run of 110 cannons. After reaching four figures Lindrum scored with the same ease in the top-of-the-table game. Although there had been no match cannon play, there was never any suggestion of monotony. When the break had increased to 1,137 Lindrum had to make a cannon first, but the stroke was made so accurately that he was able to continue without the slightest trouble. At 1,271 there appeared to be a considerable prospect of the break ending. A kiss caused the balls to run very badly. Lindrum's artistry was so pronounced that the spectators applauded him repeatedly for the cleverness of his play, and when he completed the second 1,000 there was prolonged applause, and what is a little unusual in a billiard hall, a good deal of cheering. Lindrum was rather slower in scoring the second 1,000 points, but he scored the 2,000 points in an hour and a half and went on to play out time with what is undoubtedly one of the greatest breaks of his career.

The scores at the interval were: McConachy (receives 7,000) 1,137; Lindrum (in play) 14,767. When he continued the break in the evening Lindrum added nearly 100 points, largely by losing hazard play. He got the balls to the top of the table, but played a cannon so gently that the balls touched and were spotted. In scoring the first 300 points Lindrum seemed to play with a little more diffidence than usual, but he played all the time with the greatest confidence. Although he experienced minor difficulties, Lindrum was never in any actual trouble. Lindrum's judgment in the strength of his strokes almost invariably was perfect.

The break had a curious, and perhaps a slightly unlucky, ending. Lindrum was playing a middle-pocket loser when the two object balls were almost touching. He played rather sharply at the stroke and missed it, but scored by means of a thin cannon. The balls were left in a bad position and, although Lindrum made a very good cushion cannon, he lost the white in doing so, and in the end he left a double baulk when the break had reached 3,905.

The closing scores were: McConachy (receives 7,000) (in play) 17,676; Lindrum 16,508.

# Helping charities

From Miss Edna Smith  
Sir, Throughout the year, even more so now Christmas is near, my post has contained innumerable appeals from an assortment of charities large and small, known and unknown to me. From some identical packages arrived two or three times and once four times in under two weeks.

In one of the charity Christmas card shops I noticed that some were under the umbrella name "Help" and benefited a number of smaller charities. Could something similar be arranged for appeals, to reduce their costs? I for one would welcome a way of helping effectively some of the smaller charities.

Yours faithfully,  
EDNA SMITH,  
Flat 3,  
111 Warwick Way, SW1,  
December 4.

# Odds on chance

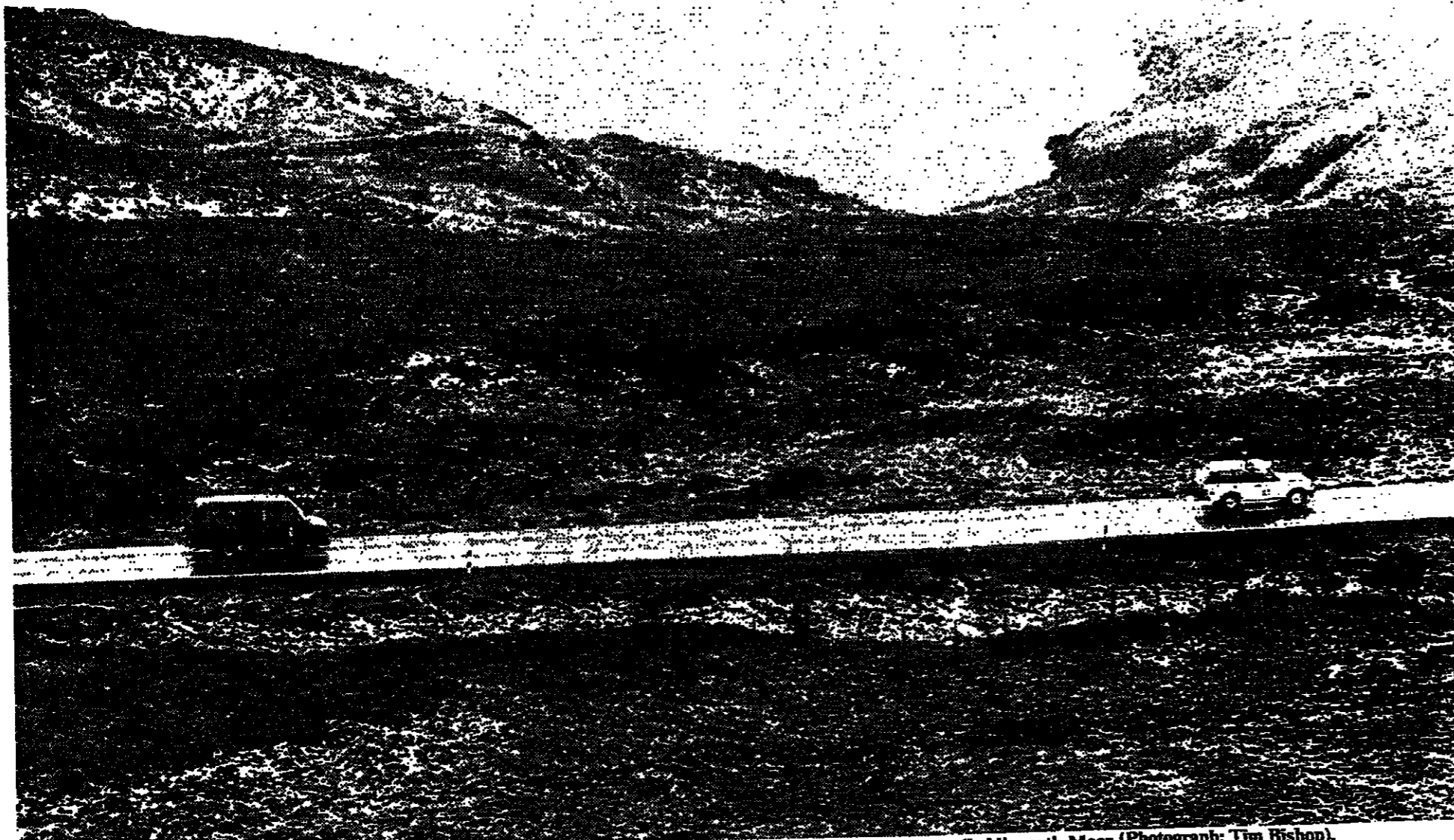
From Mrs Jacqueline Welchman  
Sir, On Sunday evening my husband and I went home by taxi from Charing Cross to Putney. On Tuesday evening we caught a taxi home from Grosvenor Square to Putney. When we were inside the taxi we all realized that it was the same taxi again.

What are the odds of this happening? Yours faithfully, JACQUELINE WELCHMAN, 11 Holmshurst Road, SW15, December 10.





# Myra Hindley goes back to Saddleworth Moor



Moors convoy: The police transit van containing Myra Hindley follows a police Range Rover across Saddleworth Moor (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

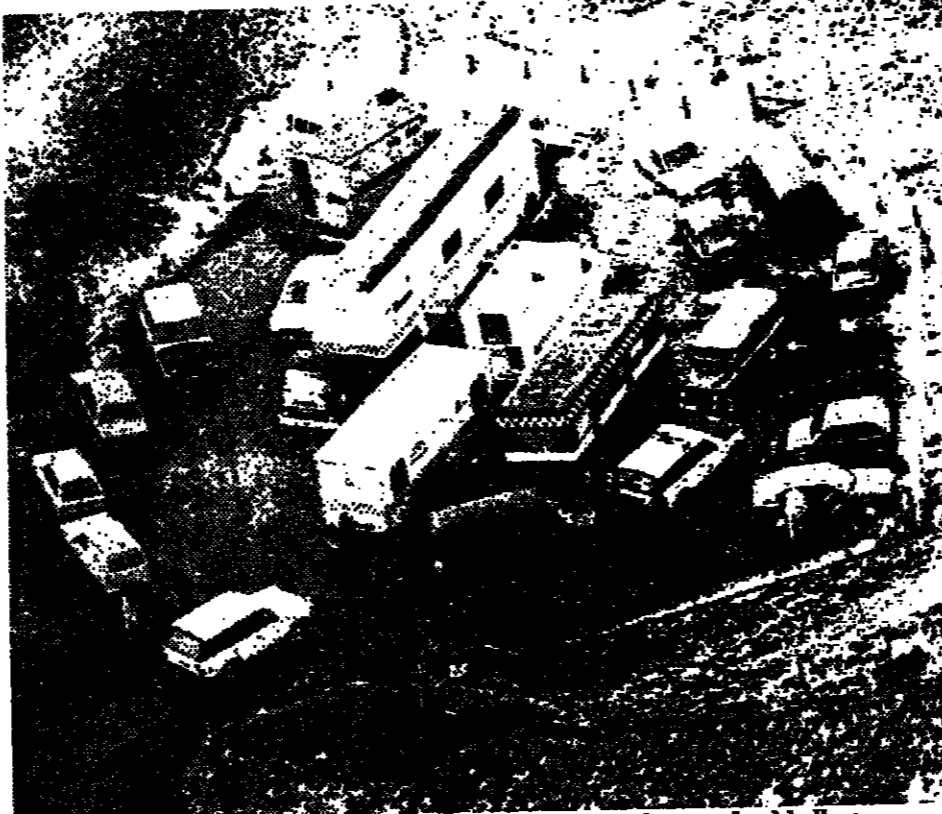
## Britain's EEC food quota coup

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centrated on reducing future output. The butter mountain stands at 1½ million tonnes, cereals surplus at 18 million tonnes, and the beef surplus at 600,000 tonnes.  
An important role in yesterday's deal was played by Mr Austin Deasy, the Irish Farm Minister, who refrained from using the national veto on milk. Mr Deasy held the package up by using his veto on beef, but later relented.  
Mrs Thatcher is understood to have been angered by charges at the London EEC Summit earlier this month that Britain had avoided farm reform, and instructed British ministers to make a final, determined effort to confront the monster of farm spending.

## Two US officials resign

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to seek immunity for Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North so that all the facts could come out quickly. So far they have refused to answer questions on the advice of their lawyers.  
Mr Speakes said Mr Reagan was not calling for an amnesty or clemency for them. He was asking only for "limited immunity", which meant that what they said in hearings could not be used against them. But the law still permitted prosecution.  
Mr Reagan's testimony to a closed session of the Senate intelligence committee is considered vital to the attempt by Congress to piece together what happened. Mr Reagan, who is under strong pressure to resign, did not invoke his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

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quate to ensure Hindley's safety did they allow her temporary release from Cookham Wood under Section 29 of the Criminal Justice Act. Their fears were well founded.  
Just minutes before the helicopter landed, Mr Patrick Kilbride, father of one of the Moors murder victims, tried to evade police road blocks to reach the spot where he knew Hindley would arrive.  
Inside his jacket pocket was a five inch knife which he said later he intended to use to kill the woman who murdered his son.  
"I got so close. I dodged one police cordon but got stopped at the second. If I had managed to get through I could have exacted revenge on the woman who has made my family's life hell for over two decades."  
Mr Kilbride, aged 58, added: "I came prepared to kill her - I just want her dead."  
Every footstep that Hindley took was monitored by a group of senior officers



Moors circus: The police control centre sits amid a moorland hollow.

## Letter from West Germany Life-like dolls for exclusive clientele

Paderborn - West Germany. Some children looking under the Christmas tree this year may come face to face with a perfect replica of themselves, wearing the same clothes and standing almost as tall.  
West German artist Annette Himstedt has built up a booming business by making effigies of real children, based on photographs sent by parents all over the world.  
The result is a three-foot porcelain doll which looks astonishingly human and resembles the original in the smallest detail - down to the eyes, the shape of the earlobe and the blush of the cheek.  
"When I first tried to sell the dolls, people were shocked, even appalled, at the idea of it. It was something they had to get used to," she said in an interview at her home-cum-studio in the West German town of Paderborn.  
"But it was the same when photography started," she said. "People were shocked when they saw an image of themselves captured permanently for the first time."  
After a five-year battle to market the china child-dolls, the idea caught on and requests are now received from parents in countries including the United States, New Zealand, Switzerland, Italy and Malaysia.  
But the dolls remain exclusive. They cost between 5,000 and 20,000 marks (£1666-£6666).  
The idea grew into a commercial venture after the artist, who formerly sold insurance policies, started sculpting the heads of children in her neighbourhood in porcelain.  
The heads took on a life of their own, sprouted a body, arms and legs. Before long, there were lifelike replicas of the children she saw playing every day.  
Then she modelled her daughter, now 20, from an old black and white photograph taken when she was three years old.  
The result sits in a pram in the corner of her studio, a real toddler to the casual observer, dressed in her daughter's old baby clothes.  
"When I finished that doll and first saw what I'd made, I shivered because the likeness was so exact. It was uncanny. My daughter got a real shock too."  
"But now I find it quite normal to see her sitting there in the corner."  
Parents who want a porcelain model of their offspring send photos of the child taken from all angles. She says close-ups of the eyes and ears are necessary and also a resume of the child's character "to help capture their spirit".  
Clients often send favourite clothes of the child for the artist to make a copy and dress up the doll. Each one takes her a year to complete.  
She recently started a sideline in plastic mannequins, which are based on imaginary children but look just as human as their china counterparts.  
Copied in bulk from the artist's original porcelain models by a local toy firm, they cost 600 marks (£200).  
A group of her original dolls sits solemnly on a settee in the artist's living room, while scattered around are stray heads and limbs of dolls in the making.  
She says there is nothing strange in the concept of children cuddling, talking to and taking to bed a doll which looks exactly like them.  
"They know it's a mirror image of themselves. If they're pleased with themselves, they talk nicely to the doll and if they're annoyed with themselves, they throw it around."  
She admits, though, that her creations often end up being a memento for parents rather than a toy. "I also make dolls for people who have no kids and obviously want a substitute. I've had some very moving letters from old women, for example."  
Her next project is to construct child-dolls in full life-size.  
"My ambitions lie in bigger and bigger dolls... one day I might even model myself," she said.

Kathy Marks of Reuters

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### Today's events

#### Royal engagements

The Duchess of York attends Christmas Carols with the Stars at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund, 7.  
Princess Margaret, as President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, attends a carol service at St

George's Church, Hanover Square, 7.15.  
The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, attends a lunch given by the Variety Club of Great Britain, 12.35.  
Prince Michael of Kent opens the new London Showroom of Aston Martin Lagonda Limited at Cheval Place, SW7, 6.  
Princess Alexandra attends the opening of the Toshiba Gallery of Japanese Art at the Victoria and Albert Museum, 7.

### Exhibitions in Progress

Badgers: Natural History Museum, High Street, Colechester; Mon to Fri 10 to 1, 2 to 5, Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 4, (ends Mar 28).  
Music: University of Ulster Orchestra and Chamber Choir: Evening of Carols; Cromore Road, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, NI, 8pm.  
Strathclyde Univ Chorus and Brass: St Mungo's RC Church, Strathclyde, 2pm.  
Pentecost Chamber Choir: Concert of Carols and Christmas Music; Village Hall, Grandborough, Warwickshire, 7.30.  
The John Loosmore Centre: Choral and Instrumental Christmas Music; Saltman House, near Plymouth, 7.45.  
St Albans Choral Society: Christmas Music with readings by Richard Whitmore; St Albans City Hall, St Albans, Herts; 8pm.  
Haydn Concert: Colston Hall, Bristol; 7.30.

### Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:  
A Dictionary of Philosophy, by A.R. Lacey (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £14.95)  
A Parable of Man: Essays on Some Moderns in the Great Tradition, by Helen Lessore (Tate Gallery, £11.95)  
Greece and the EEC, edited by George N. Yannopoulos (Macmillan, £27.50)  
Just-Right: The Life and Work of Richard Crompton Lamburn, by Kay Williams (Genesis, £12.95)  
Lancashire, A Social History, 1558-1939, by John K. Walton (Manchester University, £35)  
Science and Literature in the Nineteenth Century, by I.A.V. Chapple (Macmillan, £20)  
The Paintings of Eugene Delacroix, A Critical Catalogue 1825-1863, Movable Pictures and Decorations, Vol. III Text, Vol. IV Plates (Oxford, £140)  
Understanding Attitudes to the European Community, A social-psychological study in four member states, by Miles Hewstone (Cambridge, £27.50)  
Victorian Gardens, by Brent Elliott (Batsford, £30)  
Victorian Lunacy, Richard M. Bucke and the Practice of Late Nineteenth-Century Psychiatry, by S.E.D. Short (Cambridge, £25)

### Anniversaries

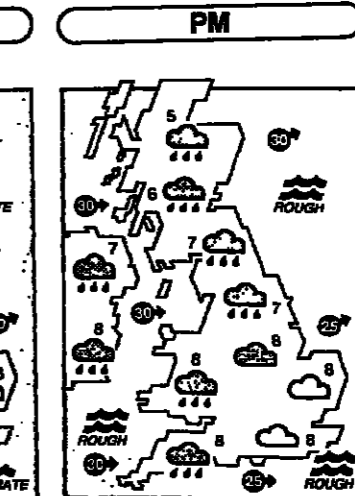
Births: Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Aversa, Italy, 1749; Ludwig van Beethoven, Bonn, 1770; Sir Humphry Davy, in ventor of the miners' safety lamp, Penzance, 1778; John Greenleaf Whitier, author and Abolitionist, Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1807; Ford Madox Ford, novelist and critic, Merston, Surrey, 1873; W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, 1921-48, Berlin, Ontario, 1874.  
Deaths: Simon Bolivar, the Liberator of South America, San Pedro, Colombia, 1830; Sir William Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin of Largs, physicist, Largs, 1907.  
Furore: Reasoning imposed as a result of the closure of the Suez Canal, 1956.

### WEATHER

Frontal troughs will move E across much of Britain. Southern and central parts of England and Wales will be mainly dry at first, but rain will spread from the W later. In N Wales, northern England, N Ireland and Scotland it will be mainly cloudy with rain at times, and in central and northern Scotland there may be sleet or snow at first, chiefly on high ground. Generally rather cold at first, becoming milder for a time in most regions. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: bright spells, wintry showers, rather cold and windy. Overnight frosts.

#### HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:10	6:8	2:52	6:7
Aberdeen	1:41	5:8	1:25	6:1
Amanouah	7:41	12:5	8:02	12:2
Belfast	11:34	5:4	11:23	5:1
Cardiff	7:26	11:5	7:47	11:3
Devonport	6:09	5:3	6:28	5:1
Dover	11:26	5:2	11:15	4:9
Edinburgh	5:29	5:1	5:59	4:9
Glasgow	1:15	4:5	1:08	4:8
Hull	12:08	5:8	12:23	5:1
Harwich	10:48	5:3	11:06	5:1
Highland	6:48	6:7	6:59	6:8
London	10:03	5:2	10:06	5:4
Liverpool	6:19	5:6	6:58	5:2
Manchester	4:31	5:1	3:18	5:2
Merseyside	11:40	5:8	11:28	5:4
Newcastle	12:12	4:6	12:34	4:5
Northfleet	7:18	5:0	7:45	4:8
Penzance	5:05	5:4	5:26	5:2
Portsmouth	7:21	6:0	7:43	5:8
Sharncliffe	11:32	4:4	11:46	4:2
Sharncliffe	11:32	5:8	11:46	4:2
Southampton	11:16	5:3	11:40	4:2
Swansea	6:45	5:9	7:07	5:7
Teesside	4:04	5:0	4:17	5:2
Went-on-Tyne	12:01	5:3	12:19	5:3



#### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 5C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F)  
Today: 6 pm to 7 pm, 7.1 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.9 hr. Sea: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.4 millibars, steady 1,000 millibars at 29.53in.

#### AROUND BRITAIN

Seafront	Sun	Rain	Mist
Seaboard	5.0	0.7	6.43
Bridlington	5.0	0.7	6.43
Doncaster	4.5	0.9	6.43
Cleethorpe	4.5	0.9	6.43
Grimsby	4.5	0.9	6.43
Southend	4.5	0.9	6.43
London	4.5	0.9	6.43
Swansea	4.5	0.9	6.43
Cardiff	4.5	0.9	6.43
Belfast	4.5	0.9	6.43

#### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.32 am  
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.41 am  
Edinburgh 4.06 pm to 8.10 am  
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.51 am  
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.47 am

#### NOON TODAY

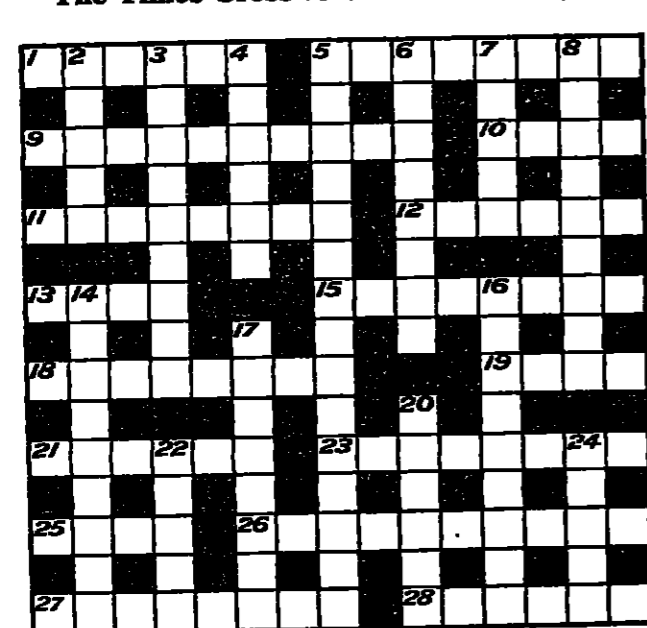
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Bristol 11.55  
Edinburgh 11.55  
Manchester 11.55  
Penzance 11.55

#### ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fog; kg, kg; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

City	C	F	C	F	C	F
Algeria	15	59	16	61	17	63
Alexandria	18	64	19	66	20	68
Amman	15	59	16	61	17	63
Ankara	15	59	16	61	17	63
Baghdad	15	59	16	61	17	63
Bangkok	28	82	29	84	30	86
Bombay	28	82	29	84	30	86
Buenos Aires	15	59	16	61	17	63
Calcutta	28	82	29	84	30	86
Caracas	15	59	16	61	17	63
Chennai	28	82	29	84	30	86
Colon	28	82	29	84	30	86
Cairo	15	59	16	61	17	63
Cebu	28	82	29	84	30	86
Delhi	28	82	29	84	30	86
Dhaka	28	82	29	84	30	86
Hankow	15	59	16	61	17	63
Hong Kong	28	82	29	84	30	86
London	15	59	16	61	17	63
Lyons	15	59	16	61	17	63
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### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,231



ACROSS  
1 Tyro who has lost his grip? (6)  
5 Precision with which Bill takes position in church (8)  
9 Tidy the ratings' mess up (10)  
10 Alone - therefore sounding depressed? (4)  
11 Shown to be a North Briton indeed (8)  
12 Cerumen making organ grow more powerful (3-3)  
13 The fish is partly off, unfortunately (4)  
15 Initially, protein diet can turn out overexacting (8)  
18 Sidle like an owl - not face on (8)  
19 How right Penny's said to be (4)  
21 It may be barred when the Prince's performing (6)  
23 Mountain pasture, almost running back to the sea (8)  
25 Sita's husband is fast losing a lion-tamer (4)  
26 "Wherein I'll catch the - of the king" (Hamlet) (10)  
27 Such enthusiasm needs a sharp head (8)  
28 Wave, or what produces one (6)  
DOWN  
2 Considering verdict on eccentric (5)

### Residential care

Choosing a residential care or nursing home can be difficult. Finding the right information can often be a problem. To help elderly people and their relatives answer some of the questions Age Concern have published a fact-sheet *Finding Residential and Nursing Home Accommodation*. It outlines the differences between private, voluntary and local authority homes, how nursing homes differ and where to go for lists of homes in any area. It also sets out all the options to consider before deciding to enter a home. A list of support services to help older people stay in their own homes, and where to find them, is also given.  
*Finding Residential and Nursing Home Accommodation*, free with a large stamped addressed envelope, from Information Department (FS29), Age Concern England, 60 Piccadilly Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3LL.

### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on the Chancellor's autumn statement.  
Lords (2.30): Debates on the security services and on Cyprus. Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Bill, second reading.

### The pound

	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	2.25	2.15
Canada \$	1.65	1.55
Denmark Kr	11.75	10.75
France F	6.55	6.15
Germany DM	3.05	2.85
Italy Lira	200.00	190.00
Japan Yen	160.00	150.00
Netherlands Gld	3.60	3.25
Norway Kr	11.50	10.50
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
Spain Ptas	166.67	156.25
Sweden Kr	10.35	9.50
Switzerland Fr	2.00	1.85
USA \$	1.65	1.55
Yugoslavia Dnr	80.00	75.00

### Christmas post

Today is the last recommended date for posting inland parcels and second-class letters and cards in time for Christmas. For first-class letters and cards the latest recommended date is Friday, December 19.

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London: The FT index closed down 0.7 at 1273.6.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1279.6 (-0.7) FT-SE 100 1637.9 (+0.9) Bargains 38336 (29882) USM (Datastream) 129.81 (+0.1) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4315 (-0.0010) W German mark 2.8916 (+0.0058) Trade-weighted 68.8 (same)

Gas would return to state control

Labour warns new investors

The Labour Party yesterday outlined its preliminary plans for taking British Gas back into state control. They are likely to follow closely the blueprint laid down for the nationalization of British Telecommunications, involving a government purchase of shares at their offer price or a swap for two kinds of non-voting securities.



Bryan Gould: SIB would be given statutory powers

stock or participating certificates would probably have to wait for two or three years before showing a profit over the original offer price. The loan stock would have a nominal value equal to the market price of the shares shortly before the date of return to state control, but the yield would be similar to the dividend yield on the shares.

Opec struggles for agreement

Iraq was looking increasingly isolated yesterday as backroom negotiations intensified in Geneva where the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is struggling to reach agreement on production cuts aimed at raising oil prices to \$18 a barrel. A full ministerial session, scheduled for the afternoon, was postponed until today as renewed top-level pressure was put on Iraq to accept a quota.

Giordano's £111,000 pay cut

Mr Richard Giordano, the chairman and chief executive of BOC and one of Britain's highest paid industrialists, has not had a salary increase this year - and with part of his pay denominated in dollars, his remuneration has gone down by 12.5 per cent.

Profits target is beaten

McCorquodale, the specialist printing company taken over by Norton Opax after a hard-fought battle, has beaten the profits estimate made in its defence document. Pretax profits for the year to the end of September were £14.4 million, against an estimated £14 million and a previous £10.2 million.

Oceonics loss

Oceonics Group, the marine electronics and information technology group, made pretax losses in the six months to September of £1.97 million against the last first-half loss of £3.27 million.

P&O director

Mr Charles Hambro, chairman of Hambro, the merchant banking group, will join the board of P&O, the shipping company, as a non-executive director from January 1.

IC Gas ahead

IC Gas made pretax profits of £18.5 million in the six months to September against £17.3 million in the last first half. Calor Gas, for which the group is best known, made a pretax profit of £16.2 million against only £798,000 last time.

EMAP buy

EMAP (East Midlands Allied Press), the provincial newspaper and magazine group, is paying £22 million for Courier Press, Courier, which publishes 20 newspapers, last year reported pretax profits of £2.07 million on turnover of £12.6 million.

BSC adviser

The Government will shortly appoint a merchant bank to advise it on the privatization of British Steel Corporation. Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for Industry, said.

Building society cash dips

Money flowing into building societies nosedived during November from October's record, high even though investors withdrew less than expected to buy British Gas shares.

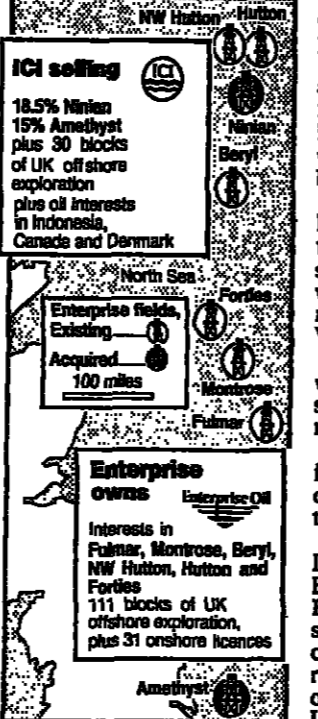
Enterprise buys ICI's N Sea assets

Enterprise Oil, Britain's second biggest independent oil company, is buying Imperial Chemical Industries' oil and gas assets in a deal worth £115 million. At a stroke, the deal will double Enterprise's North Sea oil production for 1987 from 30,000 barrels a day to 60,000 through the purchase of ICI's 18.5 per cent interest in the Ninian oilfield.

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Enterprise's enlarged equity. Dr Ian Watt, ICI Petroleum's managing director, will become an executive director of Enterprise. In addition, ICI will be able to nominate two non-executive directors to Enterprise's board.

Mr John Walsmsley, finance director of Enterprise, said the companies being combined were good businesses in their own right. "But the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. ICI Petroleum is a production company with some developments in the medium term while Enterprise has more development years.



£42 million offer for jeweller

Oriflame International, the Swedish jewellery and cosmetics group registered in Luxembourg and listed on the London Stock Exchange, is planning a drive into the British jewellery market with a £42 million takeover offer for The Goldsmiths Group, whose interests also include hotels and insurance.

The approach - it came after talks aimed at securing an agreed bid - was firmly rejected by Goldsmiths as "opportunistic and too low." However Oriflame put itself in a strong position last night by taking its 14.3 per cent stake in its target to at least 27.7 per cent through purchases in the market. It hopes to increase this investment to 29.99 per cent, the maximum permitted.

Mr Jonas af Jochnick, chairman of Oriflame, made it clear that his company's main target was Goldsmiths' 105-shop jewellery chain, which he described as "a very well run business with strong management." He said that the struggling insurance business would be put up for sale if the takeover succeeded. Goldsmiths had already announced its intention to sell this division, and it is thought to have been close to announcing a deal with Swinton Insurance.

BAA sets its sights on the complete airport package

Government next June or July, after the privatizations of British Airways in January and Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine maker, in the spring. The attraction of owning seven airports, now re-organized as separate subsidiaries of BAA, is expected to raise up to £750 million for the Treasury.

Mr Norman said BAA was studying the construction, but not management, of hotels, moving into airport-associated transport sectors, retailing and overseas airport management services. BAA's duty and tax-free concessions, granted on a five-year basis, form the single largest source of income and Sir Norman clearly is keen to see the privatized company taking additional advantage of this lucrative business.

With mainstream airport income - mostly landing and passenger charges - still making a loss, and due to be controlled by the Government after privatization, BAA will try to use institutional investors with its new integrated company approach. Sir Norman said that after the usual loss-making second half, the company was on course to make a profit similar to last year's pretax level of £76 million. He reported that despite the impact of incidents in Libya and the Chernobyl disaster, which resulted in a 17 per cent fall in United States traffic through British airports, numbers of outbound holiday-makers increased by 20 per cent on a year earlier.

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Upturn by manufacturing industry Output up by 0.3%

Manufacturing output rose by 0.3 per cent in October - to its highest level since February, 1980. Officials believe that the recovery has strengthened, and that manufacturing is growing at an annual rate of about 2.5 per cent. The rise in manufacturing output was the third successive monthly increase. It matches evidence from the Confederation of British Industry that output has broken out from the earlier doldrums. In the latest three months manufacturing output has risen by 1.3 per cent compared with the previous three months, although it is only 1.1 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of last year.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES RISES: Glaxo 1010p (+33p) Western Brothers 130p (+10p) ... FALLS: BP 701p (-9p) Nottingham Brick 283p (-10p) ... GOLD London Fixing: AM \$393.70 pm \$393.10 close \$393.75-394.25 (2775.00-275.50) ... NORTH SEA OIL Brent (Jan.) pm \$15.95/bbl (\$16.05) Denotes latest trading price.

# Berisford's mystery 3% owners frozen out

## Managers' buy-in bid for Simon snubbed

**By Alison Eadie**

S&W Berisford, the sugar refining and commodity trading company, has obtained a High Court order disenfranchising 3.1 per cent of its shareholders whose identity is hidden behind two British nominee companies.

Berisford is worried that the ultimate ownership could be parties friendly with Tate & Lyle, the sugar refining group whose bid for Berisford was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) last May. Tate has assured Berisford that it does not own the stake. Tate's declared stake is 14.2 per cent.

Berisford has agreed to sell British Sugar, its sugar refining operation, to Ferruzzi, the Italian agribusiness group, for £425 million upon the MMC's clearance. Ferruzzi owns 23.7 per cent of Berisford.

The court order prevents the owners of the 3.1 per cent stake from voting the shares, transferring them or receiving any dividend. Berisford has been trying to discover the ownership using the disclosure provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

The MMC is expected to report on Ferruzzi's and Tate & Lyle's takeover chances in January. In spite of Ferruzzi's pre-arranged deal, Tate is expected to renew its bid for Berisford if permitted.

**Managers' buy-in bid for Simon snubbed**

**By Alison Eadie**

The novel management buy-in bid pioneered by Valuedale, the shell company created to bid for Simon Engineering, failed to attract shareholder support by Monday's first closing date.

Acceptances were received from holders of 0.05 per cent of Simon's ordinary shares and 0.08 per cent of preference shares. The offer has been extended until December 29.

Simon's board repeated its advice to reject the £173 million bid. Sir David Nicolson, chairman of Valuedale and BTR, said Valuedale was carefully considering its next move.

"We could do something with that company," he said. "I would like to use it as a base for building another BTR."

The novelty of the bid lies in the terms offered by Valuedale, which would leave Simon shareholders with 62 per cent control of the company for accepting a partial cash bid.

Simon's defence document has attacked the buy-in terms, saying that the burden of borrowings imposed by the takeover would mean a loss of credibility with key customers, in addition to loss of important facilities for contract guarantees and Export Credit Guarantee Department cover.

# Limit for charity tax relief raised

**By Peter Gartland**

The cost to the Government of the payroll-giving scheme is likely to rise by 10 per cent to £22 million for the year 1987-88.

This follows the relaxation — announced by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday — in the maximum amount that can be given to charity under the scheme.

Mr Lawson said that he had decided to increase the limit on donations which can qualify for tax relief from £100 to £120 a year.

The limit is being raised principally because of the practical difficulty of dividing £100 into 12 monthly instalments. The revised limit of £120 means that from April 6, 1987 anyone in a payroll-giving scheme can give up to £10 a month to charity and financial year, but he is optimistic about the future prospects for this part of the business. "We have been refurbishing many of our hotels and have not yet enjoyed the pay-off from this investment," he said.

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# Prices edge ahead in early trade

**WALL STREET**

New York (agencies) — Monday's late-afternoon, arbitrage-related buying lifted the market's spirits and helped shares to stage a moderate advance in early trading yesterday.

Shares were also aided by the bond market, where a 1.8 per cent decline in November's housing starts dampened some concern that interest rates would rise.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 6 points to 1,928.81. Rising shares outnumbered falling stocks by seven to four on a volume of 25 million shares.

Japanese stocks rose strongly in response to good gains on the Tokyo exchange. Honda was up 4 1/2 to 83, Matsushita by 3 1/2 to 131, Hitachi 3 1/2 to 71 1/2 and Pioneer Electric 1 1/2 to 32 1/2.

On Monday, the Dow average closed 10.55 points higher at 1,922.81 after being down by more than 8 points just 30 minutes before the end of trading. It had spent much of Monday drifting under the 1,900 level.

The number of shares traded on Monday swelled from Friday's 126.6 million to 148.4 million.

At the start of trading on Monday, weak bond prices — responding partly to fears that Opec would reach agreement to lift oil prices — had depressed shares.

# Flat figures from S&N

Half year profits at Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer and hotelier, suffered a £5 million shortfall owing to poor trading experience at the group's hotels. Approaching half of S & N's 4,500 hotel rooms are in London which was particularly badly affected by the lack of overseas visitors last summer.

Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive, is not expecting the lost ground to be made up in the remainder of the current

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financial year, but he is optimistic about the future prospects for this part of the business. "We have been refurbishing many of our hotels and have not yet enjoyed the pay-off from this investment," he said.

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AMR	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
ASA	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Allied Signal	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Allied Sims	07 1/2	07 1/2	07 1/2	07 1/2	07 1/2
Alcoa	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Alcan	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Amstar Inc	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Amgen	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Am Int'l	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Am Int'l	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
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STOCK MARKET

British Gas holds steady at 64p as Sid refuses to sell out

By Carol Leonard

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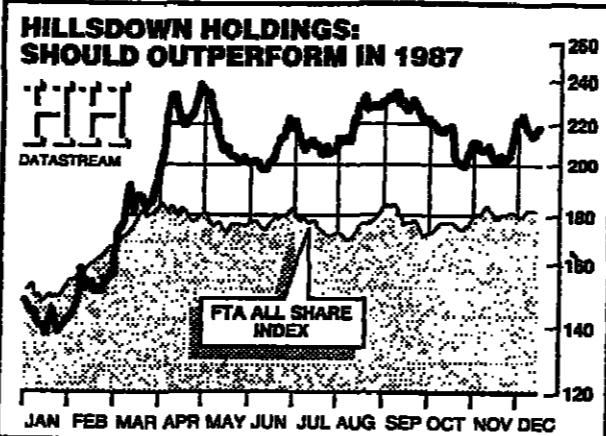
Institutional investors who had hoped to mop-up a sizeable holding in the company at a bargain price...

The partly-paid British Gas shares held steady at 64p, unchanged from their closing level the night before...

In contrast, City analysts are now saying that British Gas shares could creep back up to 70p...

One oil analyst said: "It's very hard to guess what the small investor is going to do."

Mr Brendan Wilders, the oil expert at Rowe & Pitman, the broker, says the price of British Gas is now hanging on the Opec meeting in Geneva.



for the close, to end the day 0.9 higher at 1,637.9. The FT 30 share index closed at 1,279.6, down 0.7.

being tipped as one of the "star buys" for 1987 in the food manufacturing sector by Mr David Shaw...

He said: "The shares, which should be viewed as a core holding, are an excellent investment."

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Vincent for £3 million, bringing its total number of acquisitions this year to more than 40.

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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet The real message of the British Gas issue

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B&C facing revolt by shareholders

By Cliff Feltham

British and Commonwealth Shipping, the financial services and transport group run by Mr John Gunn, is facing a shareholder revolt in its £90 million takeover bid for Steel Brothers.

Tamween Holdings, a company with extensive Middle East interests which controls 25 per cent of Steel Brothers, says it does not intend to accept the offer.

B & C already owns 45 per cent of Steel Brothers - it has food and catering interests and a lime and aggregates quarrying business - and its terms, worth 630p a share in cash, have the backing of the independent directors.

But last night Mr Gilbert Gargour, whose family control Tamween, claimed the offer was too low.

"We think that £7 a share is a much more realistic price and we fail to understand how the directors have come to recommend the present offer.

A year ago we suggested we might be prepared to bid 650p a share and within the last month a UK public company said it was prepared to offer £7."

Mr Gargour said he planned to approach other shareholders, in particular the three institutions thought to speak for 10 per cent of the Steel Brothers equity, to urge them to reject the offer.

A spokesman for B and C said: "If Mr Gargour rejects the offer and stays in it will not make it easy to alleviate the severe tax problems facing Steel Brothers."

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Reform urged for South Africa

By Teresa Poole

The Overseas Development Institute argues that to increase sanctions against South Africa would remind it that it has to negotiate political reform to attain high and sustainable economic growth.

Even without further sanctions, low international and domestic confidence are set to interact. This would reduce rates of economic growth and increase unemployment, the ODI, an independent research organization, says in a paper published today.

Effective sanctions would contribute to this process by increasing domestic costs, limiting access to foreign exchange, and deepening pessimism about the country's medium-term prospects.

The ODI adds: "South Africa is particularly vulnerable to two key types of sanction: restrictions on access to foreign finance, and actions aimed at initiating a substantial fall in the price of gold."

Foreign banks to prevent the country's access to foreign finance has had the most significant effect on the economy. In contrast, the effects of mostly voluntary bans on new investment are likely to be only minimal, the ODI says.

On unemployment, the ODI says the direct effect of sanctions on the poorest groups, overwhelmingly black, will be minimal because they are already unemployed or living outside the cash economy.

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By Stephen Leather Hong Kong

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Lending nations beat aid target

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Tribute to the generosity of lending nations in beating the target for additional aid to developing countries through the International Development Association has been paid by Mr Moeen Qureshi, the World Bank's senior vice-president for finance.

The target was \$12 billion, and the sum raised through IDA - the World Bank's affiliate for concessional lending - in its Eighth Replenishment was \$12.4 billion. The last replenishment was \$9 billion.

Mr Qureshi said that the agreement was "a breakthrough for the poorest developing countries and is especially significant in the light of severe budget constraints of the industrial country donors and the economic difficulties faced by developing country donors."

Twelve countries - Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain and Sweden - increased their contribution to the basic IDA replenishment of \$11.5 billion.

In addition six countries, including Britain, made additional special contributions, while Switzerland, although not a member of IDA, contributed an untraded grant of \$165 million. This took the special contribution to \$897 million, and the total replenishment to \$12.4 billion.

The main issue which held up the agreement was the question of an increased shareholding in the World Bank for Japan - a condition of Japan's increased contribution.

The United States finally agreed to this increased shareholding. As a result Japan's contribution to the replenishment totalled \$2.6 billion, just behind the US contribution of \$2.875 billion.

Germany contributed \$1.372 billion, France \$839 million and Britain \$785 million.

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Australia rejects gold mine tax

By Richard Lander

After months of deliberation the Australian government has decided not to tax the country's gold mines, which have been exempt for more than 50 years.

The decision apparently overturns a recommendation of an unreleased independent report which the government has been studying since August.

Although it came as no surprise after a sustained lobbying campaign against the tax by the mining companies, trade unions and the government of Western Australia, which contains many of the country's mines, the decision lifted share prices. The Australian gold share index rose by 42.4 points to 1,661.8.

Another factor in the decision was probably the waning popularity of Mr Bob Hawke's Labour administration before the general election within the next 15 months.

"The government would have been committing political suicide had it introduced the tax," said one Australian mining analyst.

Australian gold output more than trebled between 1981 and 1985, and it is expected to almost double by 1988.

Australian quote for mining group

Anglo American Corporation, the South African mining and industrial conglomerate, is to obtain a listing for its Australian interests through a reverse takeover of a local engineering and metals group, Boustead Promet Australia.

In a complex deal, Anglo American Australia (AAA) will inject assets worth more than Aus\$100 million (£46.2 million), mainly gold mining operations and a metal trading subsidiary, in return for a 49 per cent stake in Boustead which can be increased through a five-year option over further shares.

AAA's main gold operation is a 40 per cent stake in the Mount Morgan tailings operation in Queensland, operated jointly with the Peko-Wallend mining group.

COMPANY NEWS

● CAFFYNS: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim payment 3.2p (2.2p). Turnover £56.1 million (54.66 million). Pretax profit £741,000 (£255,000). Earnings per share 19.6p (4.9p).

● PHILIP HARRIS (HOLDINGS): Six months to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 3.75p (same). Turnover £24.07 million (£16.84 million). Pretax profit £545,000 (£411,000). Earnings per share 11p (7.64p). Overall, the company continues to make healthy progress, while strengthening its trading position in all sectors, especially its home bases.

● WEIR GROUP: The group has agreed to sell its oilfield, Weirham, to La Societe Alsibon for about £10 million in cash. Weirham's main asset is a 35 per cent shareholding in Delas-Weir, which specializes in the design and installation of heat-exchange equipment for the French power-generation industry.

● PEEL HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 3p (2.75p). Turnover for the six months to Sept. 30

£59.6 million (£53.37 million). Pretax profit £3.81 million (£2.4 million). Earnings per share (weighted average) 19.38p (15.66p). A valuation of the residential land-bank has generated a surplus of £5.6 million, the board reports. Assets per ordinary share have increased to 50p.

● PLYSU: The company is reporting for the 28 weeks to Oct. 11. Interim dividend 0.65p (0.53p). Turnover £19.52 million (£18.33 million). Pretax profit £2.7 million (£2.3 million). Earnings per share 4.86p (3.82p). Pysu has purchased an 80,000 sq ft factory, on a site of about 17 acres, a few miles from Rochdale, Lancashire. The board looks forward to maintaining the current rate of progress.

● BSS GROUP: Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim dividend raised to 3.2p (2.75p), payable on Jan. 22. Turnover £39.62 million (£37.9 million). Pretax profit £3 million (£2.55 million). Earnings per share 13p (10.4p). The board remains confident

about the outcome of the year as a whole.

● RH MORLEY GROUP: Half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £2.26 million (£2.23 million). Pretax profit £100,291 (£80,172). Earnings per share 1.74p (1.39p). The current year has begun well and the introduction of new machinery has started to show a marked improvement in every sphere of operation. The board proposes to change the company's name to either British & Overseas Holdings or Wentworth International Group.

● PLAXTONS (GB): Total dividend unchanged at 4.5p for the year to Sept. 28. Turnover £36.94 million (£32.31 million). Pretax profit £732,000 (£1.31 million). Earnings per share 4.2p (6.1p). The sale of the Seamer Road site will result in an extraordinary profit of about £1.4 million this year. Plaxtons is to acquire Kirby Central Group, a coach distributor and a general motor-dealing group, for £5.3 million in shares and £3.2 million in cash.

● TADDALE INVESTMENTS: Pretax profit on ordinary activities of £35,783 for the year to April 30, following losses last year of £2.09 million and the reconstruction of the group. However, after tax and extraordinary charges, the group made a loss of £1.26 million (loss £5.47 million). Sir Monty Finistone, the chairman, reports that the company finished the year with its financial position greatly improved.

● FERRANTI: The company has bought Universal Sonar for 412,373 ordinary shares. Universal makes underwater acoustic transducers and arrays for defence applications, etc.

● REUTERS: The company has bought Finbury Data Services for £8.4 million in cash and 397,308 new "B" ordinary (limited voting) shares of 10p each.

● L HARRIS (HARELLA): Half-year to Sept. 30, 1986, compared with the eight months to Sept. 30, 1985. Pretax profit £79,000 (£163,000). Earnings per share 1.28p (2.48p).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

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Metal Box names managing director

Metal Box: Mr Murray Stuart is appointed group managing director. Mr Alex Watson has been made a director and becomes a member of the executive group.

Quadrax Securities: Mr J Michael Galbraith is to be director, in charge of sales. In the sales and trading department, Mr Armando Lippello and Mr Clive Shackell are both to become assistant managers.

GrandMet USA: Mr Ian Martin will become chairman and chief executive officer on the retirement of Mr Jon Old at the end of this month.

Callagher Tobacco: Mr G Henderson and Mr JR Taylor have joined the board.

Electrocomponents: Dr Keith Bright and Mr Ray Horrocks have become non-executive directors.

Siemens Ltd: Professor Gerald Musgrave is now a non-executive director.

Haden Group: Mr Richard Taylor has been made a main-board director.

Cussins Property Group: Mr Alasdair Mackenzie is to be commercial director.

ASDA: Mr Bill Bailey has been appointed to the board as non-food trading director in place of Mr Gerry Killarney.

Allied Dunbar: Mr Keith Carby has joined the board.

Capitol Industries-EMI: Mr Joe Smith becomes vice-chairman and chief executive and Mr David Beaman becomes president from February 1.

Drummond Group: Mr Anthony Vice has been appointed a non-executive director.

London Association for the Blind: Mr Peter Holland becomes director on January 1 in succession to Mr Graham Entwistle, who is retiring.

The Really Useful Group: Mr Keith Turner and Mr Michael Sydney-Smith are to be main-board executive directors.

Sirius Insurance Company (UK): Mr L Westall has become a director and will be chairman from January 1.

Goddard Kay Rogers and Associates: Mr Paul Buchanan-Barrow and Mr Paul Turner join the board.

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Without such a deal, profits at Enterprise would have been of the order of £18-£20 million in 1987, according to Paul Gregory, oil analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stock-brokers. With the deal, profits will be nearer £40 million.

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Even Lasmo gets a treat. Its 30 per cent interest in Enterprise is watered down to about 22 per cent, but it will be able to consolidate substantially greater earnings next year.

TEMPUS

S&N disappoints after tourist slump takes toll

The full extent of the problems besetting Scottish & Newcastle Breweries' hotels because of the dearth of American tourists in Britain in the summer was brought home to the market yesterday. The fact that trade had suffered was well flagged, but analysts hoped that profits would have been maintained.

However, they were disappointed. The hotels' operating profits were £3 million below last year's first half rather than £2 million higher as had been originally budgeted. It will be difficult for S&N to make up lost ground in the second half, which is seasonally weaker. But growth should resume in 1987-88.

A breakdown of the business is not given at the attractions stage, but draught beer sales were down along with the rest of the industry. However, S&N has a well-established position in the take-home market, which accounts for a fifth of the total beer business.

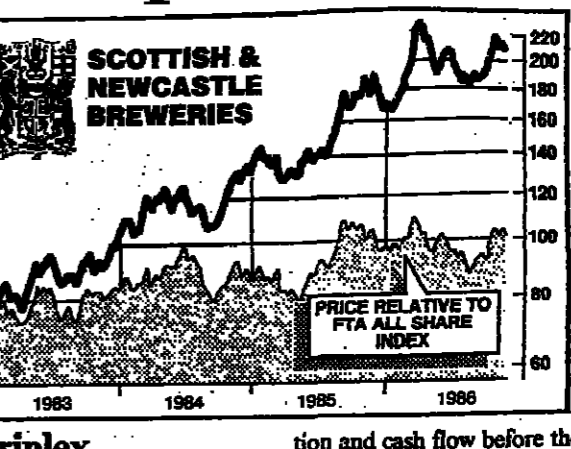
The newly-acquired Home Brewery brings with it about 450 public houses and a strong regional position in Nottinghamshire. These are attractions in themselves, but S&N will also benefit from cost savings as Home Brewery makes the transition from private to public company.

The pretax contribution from Home Brewery for the remainder of this year should be about £3 million, but it could treble next year.

As one might imagine, S&N is coy about discussing the future of its 29.9 per cent stake in Matthew Brown. It is now free to bid again, but it may be wise to wait until the froth in the Matthew Brown price has settled. Other corporate ambitions are likely to focus on businesses with cash generative features which would complement the cash-hungry nature of the rest of the group.

For this year S&N ought to make £85 million - and the £100 million barrier is there to be broken next year. There is minimal earnings growth this year although the prospects for next are better.

Barring takeover speculation, the shares remain expensive compared to other majors in the sector.



SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE BREWERIES PRICE RELATIVE TO FTSE SHARE INDEX

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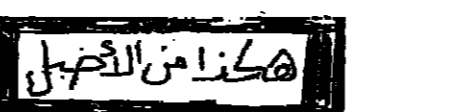
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BAA plc (formerly British Airports Authority). Statement of results for the half year ended 30th September 1986 (unaudited).

Table of financial results for BAA plc showing Trunkal Passengers, Current Cost Information, Operating Profit, Profit before Taxation, and Historic Cost Information.

NOTES: 1. On 1st August 1986, the business, assets, liabilities, results and obligations of the British Airports Authority (BAA) were transferred to BAA plc and its subsidiaries. The comparative figures and the first four months of the results for the six months ended 30th September 1986, therefore relate to BAA. 2. The principal reason for the difference between the CCA and the HCA operating profit is the change for depreciation which for the six months to 30th September 1986 in respect of the CCA results is £44m (£38m); HCA results £25m (£34m). The change for depreciation for the 12 months to 31st March 1986 was CCA £80m; HCA £37m. 3. This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting policies used in the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31st March 1986. 4. Taxation has been provided at 34% (1985-86) being the estimated effective rate for the full year. The charge for the period to 31st March 1986 reflects the re-appraisal of deferred taxation provisions following the revision of SSAF No. 15.

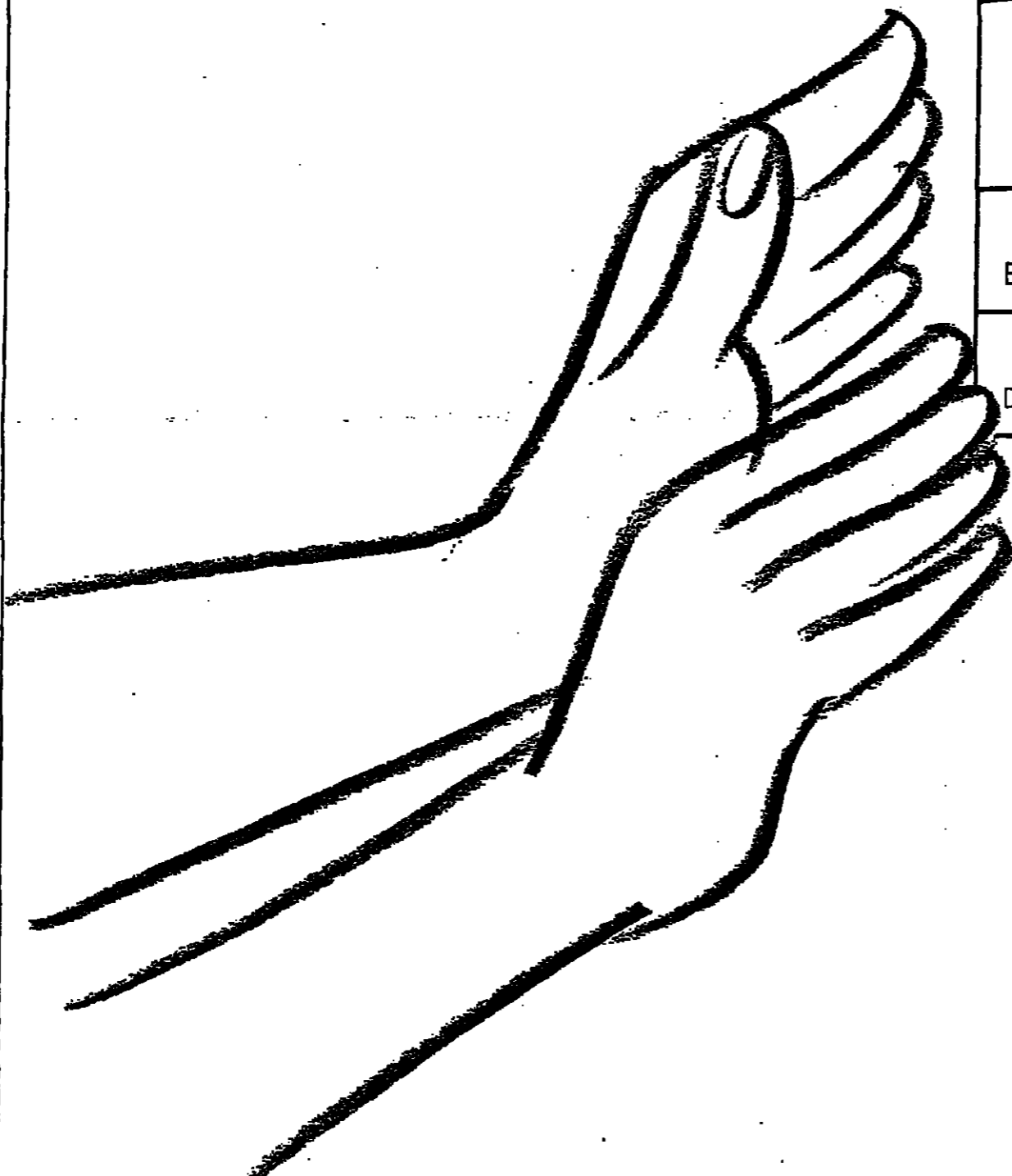
CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT In the Annual Report for 1985/6, I indicated that BAA was experiencing a marked decline in the growth of traffic following increased terrorist activity and the incidents in Libya and Chernobyl. In the first six months of this financial year US traffic was down 17% on the same period last year, domestic routes saw a slight fall and European scheduled holiday market, which increased by 20%. There was, however, strong growth in the outbound spread of routes at BAA's airports resulted in a 15% overall increase in passenger numbers over last year. Figures for the months of October and November also indicate an encouraging recovery. The results of these contrasting markets explain why Gatwick and Glasgow with their higher proportion of leisure traffic grew by 8% and 19% respectively while Heathrow saw a drop of 3%. Aberdeen experienced problems arising from the downturn in oil activity and passenger traffic fell by 13%. Air transport movements increased by 0.8%, reflecting the slower growth in passenger demand. Cargo tonnage was up by 4.3%. Revenue for the half year increased to £262m against £239m for the same period last year. This was mainly due to continued growth in commercial income, particularly from tax free sales. Operating costs for the six months rose by £24.5m largely because of the introduction of Heathrow's Terminal 4, which opened on 1st April 1986, and very high security standards. However, firm management action to limit costs in response to the decline in certain markets ensured that these increases were kept to the minimum. CCA operating profit at £93.6m was only slightly lower than for the corresponding period for last year and with interest charges, the profit before tax at £88.6m was down by £0.8m. The HCA profit before tax for the same period was £108.3m (1985 £12.0m). This result reflects considerable credit on all our staff who coped at the same time with the evolution of the Company structure. Provided the recent traffic recovery is sustained, the profit for the year should be broadly comparable with last year. SIR NORMAN PAYNE CBE FRS. Chairman, BAA plc.



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# CALOR GAS BRINGS A WARM GLOW TO ICGAS SHAREHOLDERS

INTERIM RESULTS		
For the six months to 30 September.		
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<b>ICGas</b> Group earnings	£6.7m	<b>£14.7m</b>
<b>ICGas</b> Earnings per stock unit	5.05p	<b>11.03p</b>
<b>ICGas</b> Dividend per stock unit	6.25p	<b>8.00p</b>
<b>Calor</b> Pre-tax profits	£0.8m	<b>£16.2m</b>



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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 8. Dealings end Friday. Contango day next Monday. Settlement day January 5. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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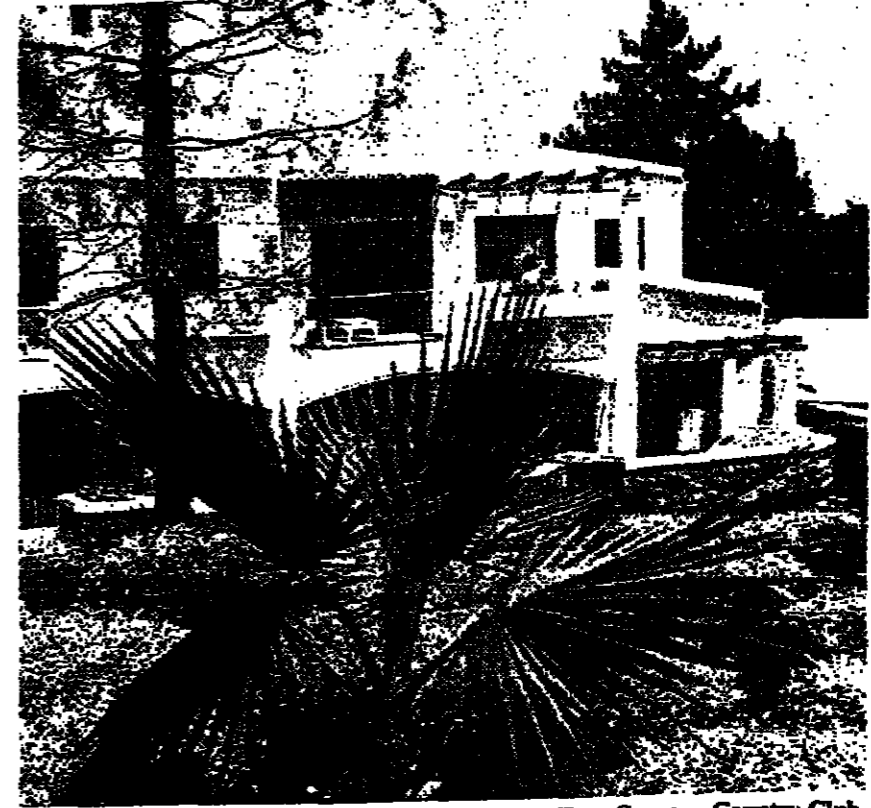
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PROPERTY BUYERS' GUIDE LONDON PROPERTIES

OVERSEAS PROPERTY

Timeshare companies shine up the image

By Diana Wildman



Timesharing on the Algarve: garden villas at the Four Seasons Country Club

Timeshare must now be considered an established form of leisure investment as the concept has already attracted about 80,000 British purchasers into developments both in the UK and abroad.

However, like so many commercial enterprises, there are numbers of less than ethical operators keen to snatch a share of the profits. To this end, the reputable companies, which are in the majority, have formed various self-regulatory bodies. But until these small groups can link up to form a sizeable organization, their overall impact on the industry must surely be small.

The three main organizations are the British Property Timeshare Association, the European Holiday Timeshare Association and the latest, Timeshare Developers Group. This last group consists of just six developers. They are Barratt, European Ferries, Kenning Atlantic, Langrafe, McInerney and Wimpey. In addition, there are two world-wide exchange groups: Interval International and Resort Condominiums International, are members.

Algarve in Portugal. It has as its focal point a magnificent clubhouse with both an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, a squash court, children's play areas, a snooker room and a restaurant. So far 37 of an eventual 96 timeshare villas are complete. The majority are due for occupation by the end of 1987. These air-conditioned fully equipped terrace villas are built in local traditional style, complete with red roofs and white-washed walls, and are set well back from the clubhouse.

Owners are guaranteed a 40 per cent discount on green fees at the famous Quinta do Lago 27-hole golf course, scene of the Portuguese Open for the past three years. Barclaytrust, in the Isle of Man, holds shares in trust on behalf of all Four Seasons members and every share is owned in perpetuity. Prices for one week cost from £3,900 to £6,200 for a one-bedroom villa, and from £4,300 to £8,600 for a two-bedroom or three-bedroom villa. Service charges are £140 and £150 per week owned, with increases linked to the Portuguese cost of living. As with Barratt's schemes, owners at Four Seasons are entitled to use the clubhouse facilities all year round. Details are obtainable from Four Seasons Country Club, 140 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4SD (01-251 1046).

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# When winning is a family affair

**David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, writes of Steffi Graf, the teenage wonder girl, and the men behind her ambition to be the best tennis player in the world**

She has been called, in recent months of universal acclaim, *the Woman Borg*. The girl who will topple Martina Navratilova. In her first tournament, for under-18s in Munich, an umpire called a point in favour of her opponent on a shot that was blatantly out. She cried in disbelief, and the tournament organizer told her father she would never be a player.

That was the last time Steffi Graf cried on court, though she has shed tears a few times after a match. "Crying is normal and spontaneous, it is healing," Peter Graf, her father says. He is also her coach. It is a parent-child relationship in competitive sport as unique, and at the present stage successful, as has been the father-son Coe partnership.

As with the Coes, the parent has been criticized for driving the child too severely, yet Steffi, like Sebastian, is emphatic that the intensity of the partnership is at her behest, under her direction and control. "I need him, he's most important to me, but he wouldn't be so close if I didn't want it," she says.

When she lost the Virginia Slims final to Navratilova recently, her eye tended to seek him out in the crowd, where he tries to sit any-



Wonder woman: Steffi Graf, West Germany's teenage phenomenon, has set her sights on topping Martina Navratilova

There is, indeed, a remarkable difference in her manner on and off court. Her focus, when playing, is absolute. I had arrived at Brühl early and when she came off court she said, almost abruptly: "Yes, we are meeting. At five." An hour later, showered and relaxed, she was a slightly coy, smiling, relaxed schoolgirl, not the phenomenon who is the fourth prize money winner of the year (\$45,000) third in the rankings and second in the Slims points table. Her ambition this year had been to win one tournament. She won eight.

When she was 10, she told the chief national coach, who had said she was too unemotional: "Either I play or I laugh." It is the self-generating discipline of which champions are made. "I cannot smile when I play," she says. "The fun for me is in ending the

point." When she wants a laugh, she practices left-handed.

Her wish is not to be rich (which she relatively already is), or famous, but to master the game, to play it beautifully. Perfectly. "I want to be a baseliner who can come to the net when it's necessary. To be able to do what I want on the court, what I feel like."

Her personality is expressed through her racket, though she is not the impersonal, scrutable machine that Borg was. She knows she has not a waiting mentality, that the match has to be played her way. That is why the silent winter weeks will be spent volleying against Stozil.

"I have to work at serve-and-volley. I don't really know as yet where to go. Against other volleyers, in the past, they have known I won't come in. If I did, I put more

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

### Running play pays as the Bears bounce back

The Chicago Bears scrapped an ineffective passing attack in the final period and relied on their running to score 13 points against the Dallas Cowboys in the National Football League on Monday.

Doug Flutie, the quarterback, took charge when Mike Tomczak sustained a severe leg bruise during Chicago's first series. Tomczak is expected to be fit to play in the Bears' regular-season finale at Dallas on Sunday. Flutie completed 13 of 24 passes for 130 yards and one interception, but he committed three of the Bears' five fumbles. Chuck Long, the first-year Detroit quarterback who was making his debut as starter, threw 12 of 24 for 167 yards, one interception and a four-yard touchdown pass to Leonard Thompson. Eddie Murray kicked field goals of 52 and 41 yards in the first half.

Kevin Butler's second field goal of the fourth quarter and third of the game provided the

## SNOOKER

### Hendry out to turn the tables

Stephen Hendry, the Scottish teenager being tipped as a future world champion, has an early chance for revenge when he faces Steve Davis in a six-game challenge series worth £24,000 next month.

Hendry, aged 17, from Edinburgh, will meet Davis on six successive nights, from January 19 to 24, at venues throughout Scotland with each match worth £4,000 to the winner.

Hendry and his partner, Mike Hallett, were beaten 12-3 by Davis and Tony Meo in the final of the Hofferister world doubles at Northampton on Sunday but the youngster is determined to take his revenge.

He said: "This will be my greatest test. Steve has set all the highest standards in snooker and they are the sort of standards that I want to achieve."

Davis, who has won £108,000 in just six weeks, is top of the current prize money list with £143,000 and he has not been beaten north of the border for more than five years. He admitted: "I want that record to stay intact. Stephen is still learning the game but everyone knows that he's a tremendous prospect."

## BOXING

### Spa stopover on way to throne

Duke McKenzie's ambition is not a modest one: he wants to be a champion of the world. But the duke who would be king is a modest, realistic man who accepts he has embarked on a dangerous campaign littered with painful battles which must be won before he has a chance to ascend the throne as world flyweight king pin.

When he turned professional he sought out a king maker and would have none but Mickey Duff, one of the more astute managers, matchmakers and promoters in the business. Duff, reluctant at first because of lofter commitments to take on the young upstart from Croydun, now rejoices that he has guided his protégé so well that he is now European champion.

Tonight McKenzie defends his title for the first time since he wrested it from the grasp of Charlie Magri, the darling of British flyweights. He has travelled 14,000 miles to fight in a northern Italy valley to meet Gianpiero Pinna, the official challenger, nominated by the European Boxing Union, even though he has not fought this year.

The fact that as champion he had to go to a far distant valley, he is not bothered. McKenzie. He is used to travelling thousands of miles to further his ambition and display his boxing skills, though mainly at the flashier fight venues in the United States. The purse offered by Remo Spagnoli secured the bout and he opted to stage it in this delightful town of thermal springs and charming vistas for purely commercial reasons. The big city venues in Italy priced themselves out of the running and Acqui Terme was willing to pay for the privilege of putting itself on the tourist map.

McKenzie, aged 23, stands high as a flyweight at 5ft 7in and has a regal way of boxing, upright and elegant. He comes from a princely fighting stock, with three brothers who have skirmished around the boxing arenas with varying degrees of success. Duke has now matched his brother, Clinton, who until recently held the British and European light welterweight titles.

McKenzie and his manager regard tonight's contest as another step in the essential learning process. He cannot afford to lose. "I want to fight like a champion and win like a champion tonight," McKenzie said. "I know as much as I want to about Pinna but I prefer not to watch videos of my opponents because they can be misleading. He is going to fight as hard as he can but it'll do nothing for me so I am relaxed about the fight. I feel no pressure."

The Croydun boxer seems to be a few classes above the Italian being ranked fifth by the World Boxing Association and sixth by the World Boxing Council. He has won all his 14 bouts, while Pinna has lost three of his 17, including two defeats by Franco Cherchi, who lost to Magri, a McKenzie victim. So all forms point to a McKenzie victory, but even the best laid plans sometimes get overturned in a profession where one slip can spell disaster.

Also on the bill tonight are Stuart Lithgo, of Hartlepool, who held the Commonwealth cruiserweight title for seven months in 1984, and Rocky Feliciello, light middleweight from Rhyll, born in Wales but whose parents come from Italy.

## YACHTING

### World 12-metre title takes on a Formula 1 look

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda have announced the preliminary arrangements for the World 12-metre championship, to be held in Sardinia next June and July. It is an ambitious and expensive programme designed to retain the impetus that this America's Cup has given to sailing, the most glamorous and costly sector.

The Italian club will charter a freighter to ship the top six challengers and two top defenders to Fremantle for the Porto Cervo regatta headquarters, the free of charge. Pumps and lifting facilities will also be cost-free for these eight teams.

Other countries not currently represented in the Cup, notably Sweden, Japan and Spain, are likely to charter boats to take part. The fleet could well exceed 20 yachts. Unlike the world titles held off Fremantle last February the format will be a mixture of fleet races and match racing. From June 25 to June 30 there will be six fleet races. The top eight boats then go into match racing semi-finals, in two divisions, culminating in a best-of-three final from July 8.

Gianfranco Alberini, commandante of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, explained that the club was torn between the spectacle of fleet racing, which proved highly popular in Australia — and the needs of a primarily match racing class.

"What YCCS was in no doubt about was the need to market and publicise the event to the hilt as part of the process of getting 12 metres on a sound footing as the sailing equivalent of formula one motor racing."

"We may be able to completely relax Rule 26 and have boats named after companies and have sponsors on the spinnakers," Alberini said. "The whole intention is to make more opportunities for sponsors in the whole 12-metre class."

In pursuit of this goal YCCS have brought in the London firm of West Nally as sponsorship and marketing consultants. A new logo has been produced and registered. "We feel that 12 metres are at a small beginning leading to the stage of tennis, soccer and equestrianism," said Mr Pat Nally, who flew here from London for the presentation. "The needs of sponsors and the competitors can be met and reconciled if the event is handled in a co-ordinated way."

West Nally have a long track record in sports marketing and advised FIFA on several world cups. Syndicates or 12-metre teams without sponsorship backing for the event in Sardinia have been invited to liaise with the company who may be able to sponsor them wishing to participate with yachtsmen wishing to compete.

RIE, the Italian national television network, have accepted an invitation to be host broadcaster. Their coverage, both packaged and as a raw television feed, will be available on a free-access basis to world media organisations.

This is in sharp contrast to the America's Cup where the International Management Group, representing Royal Perth Yacht Club, have asked considerable sums for access to pool television footage. IMG have no involvement with next year's regatta.

"We want the maximum number of people around the world to be able to see what 12-metre racing is like. It is exciting, it can be," Alberini said. Costa Smeralda, the ultra chic yacht club created by the Aga Khan at the Porto Cervo resort, hosted the first world 12-metre championship in 1980.

Interestingly there was a ruling by the International 12-metre Association that no shrouds or pens could be used and all keels and hulls were to be white.

"That could happen again," Alberini said. "It is for ITMA to decide but it would be fascinating to see what some of these boats were like. It is virtually certain that no new 12 metres will be built between now and the world championship. That process will begin around 18 months before the next cup."

Alberini stressed that without the Deed of Gift restrictions on crew and designer nationalities, or ties on where a boat was built, the event had minimal secrecy and aided the dissemination of knowledge to the wider sailing community. Mr Harry Anderson, chairman of ITMA, said: "Our hope is to have a world 12-metre championship every year. It's the strength of the class and the excitement of the event that makes it so special. There may be an additional Mediterranean 12-metre event next northern summer. Côte d'Azur / Provence region, a French body who sponsor the hapless Challenge France, are and recoupled if the event is handled in a co-ordinated way."

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## Court of Appeal

### Fire starter liable for fireman's burn

**Ogwo v Taylor**  
Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Neill  
[Judgment December 16]

A person who negligently started a fire was liable in damages to a fireman who was injured in fighting the fire even though it was an ordinary fire with no unusual features or special hazards.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff fireman, Mr Michael Chiagoro Ogwo, from a decision of Mr Justice Nolan on November 25, 1985 after the trial of an action brought against the defendant, Mr R. A. Taylor.

Mr R. A. Hytner, QC and Mr John Leighton Williams, QC, for the plaintiff, Mr William Crowther, QC and Mr Robert Moxon Brown, for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the defendant was burning off the paint on the fascia board under the guttering of his roof with a blowlamp when the roof timbers caught fire.

The fire brigade was summoned and among the team was the plaintiff. The plaintiff went up into the roof space to tackle the fire.

He was wearing normal fireman's gear and breathing apparatus, with a mask over his face. He took the hose with him to play water on the fire, and the impact of the water on the fire necessarily caused steam.

When the fire was put out the plaintiff found that he had suffered serious burns under his fireman's tunic. Those would have been caused by steam rather than by direct flames.

The plaintiff's injuries were severe and very painful. The figure for damages had been established, at £12,900, including interest. The issue was liability.

There was no suggestion that the contents of the roof space were unusually combustible or that there was any special danger from some hidden cause. It was an ordinary fire, in a confined space, with nothing unusual about it.

The plaintiff put his case against the defendant on the ground that the defendant had been negligent at common law in starting the fire and allowing it to get out of control.

The court had to consider whether a person who negligently started a fire might in the absence of special circumstances not known to the fireman be liable to a fireman who was injured in fighting that fire.

It was well-established that a person who negligently started a fire in a house was liable for any damage to an adjoining house caused by the spread of the fire. So equally he was liable for any injury to any person which was a foreseeable consequence of the fire and its consequent spread.

The foreseeability of the injury was the crux of the matter, since in the present case Mr Justice Nolan held that the defendant could not reasonably have foreseen the injury which the plaintiff would suffer from an ordinary fire in an ordinary loft of an ordinary house.

That approach of the judge was extremely difficult to reconcile with the decision of Mr Justice Woolf in *Salmon v Seafarer Restaurants* ([1983] 1 W.L.R. 1264). In that case the fire had been started in premises through the negligence of the defendant owner.

The plaintiff fireman was told to use a ladder to get to the second floor, via a flat roof. As he was doing so, outside the premises, there was an explosion inside the premises because the fire had reached the gas meter and the plaintiff was injured by the explosion.

Mr Justice Woolf held that the defendant was liable in damages to the plaintiff and then considered whether there was any basis for limiting the duty which was owed to firemen, because they were specially trained to deal with the dangers inherent in any outbreak of fire. He concluded that there was not. His Lordship agreed with him.

It was inherently dangerous. If a person negligently started a fire and allowed it to get out of control it was predictable that the fire brigade would

## Law Report December 17 1986

### Judicial discretion on jury protection moves

**Regina v Ling**  
**Regina v Jacobs**  
**Regina v Thompson**

On an application for a jury to receive protection the trial judge had a discretion as to whether the prosecution should be required to call evidence in support of the application.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Caultfield and Mr Justice Schiemann) so held on December 9 when dismissing the appeals of Anthony John Ling, John Jacobs and Frank James Thompson from their convictions on February 10, 1986 at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Rant, QC and a jury) of theft.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that from time to time a court was asked to authorize jury protection (see *R v Dodd* ([1981] 74 Cr App R 50). Plainly that was a matter for the judge's discretion.

On the question whether the defence were entitled to require the prosecution to establish

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### Removal of kiln not a 'process'

**Regina v A. I. Industrial Products plc**  
Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Ognall  
[Judgment December 16]

The word "process" as used in the Factories Act 1961 connoted some continuous activity regularly carried on within a factory as a normal part of the operation of the factory, and did not include a single operation such as the demolition and removal of a disused kiln.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of A.I. Industrial Products plc against its conviction on April 29, 1986 in Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court (Mr Recorder Stuart Shipdels, QC) of breaching section 2(3) of the Asbestos Regulations (SI 1969 No 690) and section 155(2) of the Factories Act 1969 by failing (while demolishing a Shetly top hat kiln) to provide approved respiratory protection.

Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC, Mr Peter Bowers and Mr Timothy Devlin for the appellant, and Miss J. M. Swindells for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE DRAKE said that before the recorder the legal submissions made for the appellant were that the demolition of the kiln was not a "process in a factory" within the Asbestos Regulations and that the manufacturing processes undertaken in the factory and was an isolated incident.

1 that the definition in regulation 2(3) of "asbestos dust" involved consideration of the number of asbestos fibres in the atmosphere and the likely effects of that on the health of those exposed to it, taking into account the length of such exposure and that, in view of the employee's short exposure to the dust, he had not been exposed to dust containing asbestos to such an extent as was liable to cause danger to his health."

The recorder had ruled: 1 that "process" for the purposes of the Asbestos Regulations, meant any activity involving asbestos; 2 that the definition of "asbestos dust" in regulation 2(3) was simply a description of the dust and not a question as to whether the employed persons, by the length of time they breathed it in, were liable to be injured; 3 that the asbestos which was more than minimal, it was liable to cause danger to health.

Dealing with the first argument, the Asbestos Regulations were made under the provisions of the Factories Act 1961 and accordingly the word "process" had to be construed according to the meaning to be given to it under that Act.

Section 175 of the Act defined "factory" as any premises in which persons were employed in manual labour in any process for or incidental to a number of stated purposes. Those stated purposes were widespread; but their Lordships thought that

## Australia IV close gap

A successful protest from Australia IV has closed the gap with Kookaburra III in the battle to be the defending yacht in the America's Cup finals in Fremantle next month.

Kookaburra III now leads the defenders' table by six points over the Alan Bond's 12-metre — the only successful protest of five lodged in the last two days of the demolition and repair of the boat.

Australia IV was awarded three points after the defenders' race jury ruled that Kookaburra III, Kevin Parry's other yacht, had breached a right of way rule on Sunday, the last day of the third elimination series.

Kookaburra III lost three points and is now 13 points behind Australia IV in third place. The Bond syndicate's points boost takes Australia IV to within one-race victory of Kookaburra III because the semi-finals, starting on December 27, are worth six points for a win. A proposal to introduce a knockout system in place of points allowing to decide the semi-finals was rejected yesterday.

**DEFENDER STANDINGS**

Yacht	W	L	Pts
Kookaburra III	3	0	18
Australia IV	5	0	12
Kookaburra II	1	1	3
Stuart T. Kurland	1	2	2

Michael Fay, syndicate head of New Zealand, the leading challenger, has decided the \$5.6 million regatta in Fremantle, Australia, will be held in September. Details are scarce as yet.

## Court of Appeal

### Removal of kiln not a 'process'

Furthermore, their Lordships bore in mind that the defendant's constraining regulations the breach of which constituted a criminal offence exposing the offender to penalties.

## Court of Appeal

### Removal of kiln not a 'process'

From the argument heard on appeal there could be no doubt that the meaning of "process" was open to more than one interpretation; it would therefore be right for their Lordships to adopt that interpretation which was most favourable to the appellant.

## Court of Appeal

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As the first ground of appeal had been based on the decision of the appellant company it was not strictly necessary to consider the second ground.

## Court of Appeal

### Removal of kiln not a 'process'

On that point there appeared to be no previously decided case.

RACING: NICHOLSON TEAM SET FOR WORCESTER DOUBLE

Promising Le Carotte can make flying start to hurdling career

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Le Carotte, who is trained by Philip Hobbs near Minehead in Somerset, is napped to win the first division of the Turkey Novices' Hurdle at Worcester today when he will be ridden by his brother, Peter.

job well, being by the successful young stallion Balmor, out of a winning hurdler who is very closely related to the late Edward Courage's fine chaser Royal Relief.

Third, Le Carotte has shown a more than average amount of promise already in three educational bumper races this season.

He won the first of those by 20 lengths at Warwick in September when he was anything but friendless in the market at 6-1, having been nibbled at with inspired money around the country at longer odds.

Spearing receives £250 fine

John Spearing's decision to pull out weight Run And Skip out of the Hennessy Gold Cup on the morning of the race has cost the Alcester trainer a £250 fine.

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee imposed the penalty on Spearing yesterday and also ordered that he should pay half of one per cent of the guaranteed prize money of £25,000 - £125.

On the Tuesday before the race, which took place on November 22, Spearing said that he had left Run And Skip in at the four-day stage by mistake.



Reference Point, who yesterday was confirmed this season's leading two-year-old following a runaway victory in the Futurity Stakes at Doncaster on October 25

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

- 12.30 LE CAROTTE (nap), 2.00 Gillogue Lough, 1.00 Awaiting, 2.30 Gambir, 1.30 God's Hope, 3.00 High Thrust.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.30 GAMBIR (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 GOD'S HOPE.

Going: soft

12.30 TURKEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £1,158; 2m) (22 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like RUBY FLIGHT (11-1), FLEURCOURT (11-1), and LE CAROTTE (11-1).

1.0 HOLLY AND THE IVY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (E1,642; 2m) (9 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like WALNUT WONDER (11-1), TERRENSE (11-1), and BEEN MUGGED (11-1).

FORM WALNUT WONDER (11-1) title chance with first 2 when 22½/3rd to Latin American (10-4) at Chertsey (2m, £220), good, Dec 5, 6 ran. TERRENSE (11-1) backed place from the last when 3rd to Ten Boy (10-7) at Southwell (2m, £154), good to soft, Dec 5, 10 ran.

1.30 CHAMPAGNE SELLING HURDLE (4-4-10; 2m) (12 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like GOD'S HOPE (11-1), JACQUES SOLEIL (11-1), and KUWAIT LEE (11-1).

FORM GOD'S HOPE (11-1) claimer-ridden when just over 4/3rd to Flyers Dove (10-5) with BITE Leicester (2m, £119), soft, Nov 28, 17 ran. KUWAIT LEE (11-1) ran at Worcester (10-10) in the first early but could not get on when 10th to Ten Boy (10-7) at Southwell (2m, £154), good to soft, Dec 5, 10 ran.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

- 12.45 Just Grayle, 2.15 Ready Toek, 1.15 Killary Bay, 2.45 Bessacarr Boy, 1.45 Melereck, 3.15 Special Vintage.

By Michael Seely 2.45 Park Prince, 3.15 Special Vintage.

Going: good

12.45 KIPLIN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (E793; 2m) (15 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like BOWIE BOY (11-1), MUSIC SEASON (11-1), and THE YOMPER (11-1).

1.15 STREELAM NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £886; 2m) (13 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like STRICTLY BUSINESS (11-1), AUSTIN (11-1), and GREY CARO (11-1).

1.45 CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (E2,410; 3m 300yd) (7 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like SINGALONG SAM (11-1), JONICORNE PRINCE (11-1), and JAMES FANCI (11-1).

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2.0 TATTERSALLS NOVICE CHASE QUALIFIER (Mares: £1,753; 2m) (18 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like KELSYTH (11-1), ANDREA DAWN (11-1), and BELLE (11-1).

FORM KELSYTH (11-1) best Canorbelle (10-10) 4th, with ROYAL TYCOON (10-10) another 20½/3rd back in 4th at Newton Abbot (2m, £700), soft, Nov 25, 9 ran.

2.30 ST NICOLAS HANDICAP CHASE (E2,637; 3m) (8 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like GAMBIR (11-1), PARADISE (11-1), and SHORT RAY (11-1).

FORM GAMBIR (11-1) to start from disgraced on seasonal reappearance when 3/2nd to The Last Prince (11-1) at Worcester (2m, £1,158), good, Dec 1, 7 ran.

3.0 TURKEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £1,135; 2m) (22 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like CASH REDUCED (11-1), CHASELEY BOY (11-1), and CRAIG'S STAR (11-1).

FORM CASH REDUCED (11-1) best when 2nd to Bony Heath (11-3) at Worcester (2m, £1,135), good, Dec 1, 7 ran.

3.15 STREELAM NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: £886; 2m) (14 runners)

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Odds. Includes entries like PRICE OF PEACE (11-1), BRIGHT YOKEN (11-1), and ALICE (11-1).

3.45 BROMPTON RIDERS HURDLE (Amateurs: £886; 3m 300yd) (23 runners)

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Reference Point rules in Free Handicap although fillies hold strong hand

By Michael Seely

Reference Point, the five lengths conqueror of Bengal Fire in October's Futurity Stakes at Doncaster was top rated in the European Free Handicap, the weights for which were published yesterday, and is 6-1 favourite to give Henry Cecil his second Derby triumph at Epsom next June.

"I reckon he's earned the right to be there," said Cecil yesterday. "He was so immature that I didn't think I'd get him on the racecourse at all. But he's just kept on improving and has done particularly well recently."

At this stage I don't see him as a Guineas horse and I'm not going to try and force him. But if he comes to hand early, we might be tempted."

Bracketed together in the weights at 9st 5lb are Ajdal and Forest Flower, 2lb below Reference Point. Ajdal is favourite at 4-1 to repeat Shaheed's 1985 win in the 2,000 Guineas for Michael Stoute.

Without a shadow of a doubt, Sheikh Mohammed's unbeaten Northern Dancer colt was the fastest of his sex in Britain last season but after cruising to the front in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, Ajdal edged when in the lead and at the line had only three-quarters of a length to spare over Shady Heights (9st 2lb).

Forest Flower, first past the post in four of her six races for Ian Balding, has been placed 5lb ahead of Minstrella. In the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket, Forest Flower beat her old rival by 2½ lengths but was later demoted for interference.

Commenting on their respective ratings, Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper, said: "We know that Minstrella beat Forest Flower by a head in the Heinz 57 Stakes at Phoenix Park. But that was in heavy ground."

Leading two-year-old weights and ratings

Table with 3 columns: Name, Weight, and Rating. Includes entries like Reference Point (9st 7lb, 127), Groom Dancer (8st 11lb, 81), and Shiny Water (8st 9lb, 89).

Over the Eclipse distance of 10 furlongs Dancing Brave was accorded a figure of 134 and over a mile 130, equal with Last Tycoon.

"Thanks to Jimmy Kilrow, director of racing at Santa Anita, Last Tycoon was accorded this figure strictly on his win in the Breeders' Cup mile on Turf," said Gibbs.

"We hope that in the not too distant future we shall be able to join together with our colleagues in the United States to compile a joint North American and European classification."

Talking further on this subject, Gibbs said: "It is astonishing considering the climate and medication problems how accurately horses give their true running. There have been discussions about banning medication in the Breeders' Cup races, but due to the complicated inter-state laws, it will be some years before any agreement is likely to be reached."

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Table with 3 columns: Meeting, Race Name, Winner, and Odds. Includes entries like Saint Action (11-1), Light the Lamp (11-1), and Prince of Wales (11-1).

Course specialists

Table with 3 columns: Name, Runs, Wins, and Percentage. Includes entries like M Eastbury (17 runs, 6 wins, 35%), M Tinker (17 runs, 5 wins, 29%), and G Richards (17 runs, 4 wins, 24%).

CRICKET: DESPITE BORDER'S CENTURY AUSTRALIA NEED TO WIN BOTH REMAINING TESTS TO REGAIN THE ASHES

Moderate men short of ideas

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Adelaide

Having promised well, the third Test match turned out disappointingly. When it was left drawn yesterday, England were 39 for two in their second innings. Australia having made a token declaration at tea time, 260 runs ahead with two hours left to play.

So England preserve their lead in the series, Australia having done nothing very much to relieve them of it. Both sides were, overall, over-cautious, and Australia had rather less reason to be so than England. To regain the Ashes, Australia must now win both the remaining Test matches. The fourth Test starts in Melbourne on Boxing Day, the fifth in Sydney on January 10.

They are two such moderate bowling sides that it will need a very different pitch from Adelaide to achieve any result other than a draw. The last I heard from Melbourne was that they are preparing for a high-scoring draw, being tired of hearing criticism of the pitches there; but I shall believe that when I see it. Although Sydney has just staged a Sheffield Shield stalemate between New South Wales and Western Australia, it would be unlike them there not to see that the ball turns for the Test.

Worces' move

Worcestershire County Cricket Club confirmed yesterday that they were giving 14 days' notice of approach to sign the Somerset all-rounder Ian Botham, whose contract expires on December 31 and who has declared his intention of leaving the county following the sacking of Viv Richards and Joel Garner.

The loss of Adelaide's traditional January Test, held over the Australia Day holiday, is greatly resented here.



Captains ducking and weaving: Gattling, benched after a first ball nought, while Border (right) plunders his 21st Test century

For years it was a favourite fixture in the cricketing calendar, a sure success watched by 172,000 people in 1932-33 and never by fewer than 100,000. When Kerry Packer came along all that changed. Adelaide's Test was moved to mid-December, since when it has never been the same attraction. The game just finished was watched by an aggregate attendance of 46,720.

In five days, 20 wickets fell for 1,209 runs. England were not alone in being prepared to take few chances in the quest for victory. The most forthright and adventurous batting played for either side was, in fact, Gattling's for England on Sunday. Having begun by leaving out a bowler, Australia on the attack only for a few overs before they declared

their first innings, and it is they who are losing the series. The curator, one of the two or three best in Australia and now coveted by Melbourne, who are losing theirs, will be blamed for having made too good a pitch. But I am not sure that that is fair. It became a tedious and eventually boring match; but quite often until the last day there were ways of seeing how a result might be achieved and probably would have been had the bowling been stronger. The Australian bowlers are not up to much anyway, and since Brisbane Edmonds and Embury have taken a wicket only every 31 overs at a cost of 60 runs.

Almost inevitably, Border scored his 21st Test century yesterday, a number exceeded only by Bradman and Greg Chappell for Australia. It was his seventh against England, his tenth in Australia, his first in Adelaide, and his ninth as Australia's captain. He batted for just over five hours, faced 253 balls, and gave a suggestion of a stumping chance off Embury when he was 85.

In six innings in the series, Ritchie has not been out for under 30. Although he concentrated on defence yesterday, he still made quite pleasant watching. When Australia declared, Ritchie and Border had added 124 for the fourth wicket; when England went in, Atley was caught at the wicket down the leg-side, hooking at Hughes, and Gattling was bowled first ball, making room to hit Matthews through the covers off the back foot. Gattling thus became the second batsman in the match to have scored a

century in one innings and nought in the other. Stumps were drawn half-an-hour early, and it was a merciful release. Although bright by now, it was still cold and windy. More sweaters had been seen during the match than usually are in the whole of an Adelaide summer. Broad was grafting on, unprepared to get himself out, and Lamb was playing as though he knew his place might be in jeopardy if he failed again.

For Australia, Reid was missing with a bruised heel. Of England's invalids, Botham is hoping to have his first practice before the end of the week. He left it to Liam, his son, to do his share of net bowling yesterday, and to show the unbridled promise that his father probably did at the age of nine.

England to face Ellison next

Richard Ellison who helped England win the Ashes 16 months ago, is determined to make life difficult for his countrymen over the next few days. Ellison will open the bowling for Tasmania against the tourists during a four-day game in Hobart, starting tomorrow, and he says "I'd love to take some wickets against my old mates" Ellison will open the bowling for Tasmania against the tourists during a four-day game in Hobart, starting tomorrow, and he says "I'd love to take some wickets against my old mates" Ellison will open the bowling for Tasmania against the tourists during a four-day game in Hobart, starting tomorrow, and he says "I'd love to take some wickets against my old mates"

Matthews to play for Guisborough

Greg Matthews, the Australian all-rounder, is to join the North Yorkshire and South Durham League Club Guisborough as a professional next year. He will replace the West Indian, Desmond Haynes, who has not been retained after two years with the Yorkshire club.

The deal was negotiated with the Australian team manager Bobby Simpson, who also acts as Matthews's agent.

But Ellison suffered like everyone else in the West Indies the following winter - and life went from bad to worse. Last summer he played one Test against India and was named against New Zealand. Loss of form and injury problems also affected his form for Kent and he finished with 23 first-class wickets at 47 runs apiece.

"I've had a year. I would like to forget it," he said, "I lost a lot of confidence and I didn't know where my next wicket was coming from. But I jumped at the chance to play for Tasmania and it has paid off. I feel I'm bowling a better cricket than I have for some time." Ellison fast bowler, is being retained against Tasmania because of a troublesome left knee which received regular treatment during the first Test in Adelaide. Also starring down are Edmonds (back) and Gower, while Botham has not recovered from his rib muscle injury.

Something for everyone in world of cricket

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today Marcus Williams and Pat Batcher make their choices from the worlds of cricket and athletics respectively.

The quantity of books on cricket is a constant source of wonderment. *Wisden Cricket Monthly* reported the total in 1985 as 73, the torrent has continued apparently unabated this year and MCC's bi-centenary in 1987 offers publishers, should they require it, a further spur.

The outstanding cricket book of 1986, and in its scope perhaps the outstanding single cricket book yet produced, has been *Barclays World of Cricket* (Collins Willow, £25). This lavish, 724-page tome is the third edition of a work first published in 1966, fully revised in 1980 and now widely acknowledged as the best volume of reference on the game and the one, were such a restriction imposed, to take to a desert island.

Christmas Island makes the news

The section headings give an idea of the breadth of coverage. *History of the Game in England: Overseas Cricket*, including such exotic places as Christmas Island, Egypt, Kiribati, Norway and Tristan da Cunha; *Biographies*; *International Cricket*; *English Cricket and Universities*; *The Limited-Over Game*; *Grounds of the World*; *Other United Kingdom Cricket*; *A Cricket Treasury*; *Laws and Glossary*, plus statistical appendix, notes on the chief contributors and an index; but this is no dry textbook, for it features articles by outstanding writers on the game such as Neville Cardus, Raymond Robertson, Glasgow, Ian Peebles, Jack Fingleton, Ray Robinson, A. A. Thomson, John Arlott, Alan Gibson and Alan Ross, to name but a few.

All 10 wickets in a first-class innings has been achieved more than 10 times (though not in England since 1964), but the symmetry of those figures, 10 wickets for 10 runs, has a special ring.

There was something special too about the bowler, as is confirmed in *Hedley Verity: A Portrait of a Cricketer* by Alan Hill (Kingswood, £12). In this well-researched biography, the first at full length on the subject, Mr Hill traces the career of an outstanding slow left-arm bowler from his youthful obsession with the game, via a formidable record of 566 wickets (average 14.50) in fewer than 10 years, to its termination on the battlefield of Catania, Sicily.

Verity is probably most widely remembered for the 14 wickets he took in a Test against Australia in 1934, but he also took all 10 Warwickshire wickets 1931 (revenge against a county that had earlier turned him down), topped the first-class averages in his first and last seasons (1930 and 1934) and in 1939 spun out seven Sussex batsmen for a mere nine runs in six overs on a rain-affected Hove pitch.

The ball that went for six byes

Certainly none of the others can claim to have bowled a ball that rose from a good length over the batsman, wicketkeeper and boundary for six byes, as Knightridge did on the Albert County ground in Oxfordshire in 1890; the carry was later estimated at 63 yards.

Knightridge played for Essex, the Gloucesters and other select XI's in a first-class career spanning 1893 to 1907 and for a host of smaller clubs until a final appearance in village cricket at the age of 61. In *Kortright: The Legend Explored* (Ian Henry, £8.95) Charles Sale details for the first time Kortright's colorful life, and he produces some good yarns in the process, if sometimes jarring style.

Loveclock, the first modern athlete

Any fool can collect statistics, and many do. Such collections, often disguised by appealing, turgid commentary of races and careers are invaluable to journalists scrambling for padding and to people who study times limelabels without ever experiencing the journey. In short, such collections have limited appeal. Yet in the woefully underdescribed arena of athletics literature, there is a preponderance of statistics as there is of teaching manuals.

Into this arid world, James McNeish has injected a little art with *Loveclock: A Novel* (Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95). One of the problems of writing adequately about present athletics heroes is the lack of perspective. It is difficult to cut across the cant and cutes when Coe, Cram and Cvetaric write with large on television. The only proximity that McNeish has with Jack Loveclock, the only man to set a world record while winning the Olympic 1,500 metres title, in 1936, is being born in New Zealand and living in Europe. McNeish has the advantage of time; he was only aged five when Loveclock stopped running and only 18 when Loveclock died mysteriously under a subway car in New York in 1949.

Swiss running the show

Walliser, Hess, one of the favourites after her victory in the slalom at Waterville Valley, is only another 10 points adrift.

McNeish admits the danger in his preface. "Fifty years after... a mystique remains... an expected victory in 1936 against the greatest field of milers ever assembled has about it all the hallmarks of a great discovery... Despite the millions of words that have been written about Loveclock, his death in New York at the age of 39 has never been explained. In diaries and journals Loveclock analysed himself as no runner had ever done before... he has been called the first modern athlete... here lies his significance for sportsmen: he changed the climate of thinking and anticipated the four-minute mile.

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

Table showing Test Match Averages for Australia and England, including batting and fielding statistics.

ADELAIDE SCOREBOARD

Table showing the Adelaide Scoreboard for the first and second innings of both teams.

SQUASH RACKETS

Double upset in British doubles titles

By Colin McQuillean A steadily developing national enthusiasm for doubles squash rackets was evident as new and surprising champions emerged late on Monday night, at Cannons Club, London, when first the Wright sisters, Fiona and her partner, Lisa Opie, and her partner, Fiona Geaves, 13-15, 16-13, 15-13, 15-12 in 77 minutes.

BASKETBALL

Kingston pull out of WICB

By Nicholas Harling By also entering the WICB tournament, Kingston would have been faced with a schedule of six games in 10 days. They would also have upset BPC Rams Derby, who were unwilling to switch a home first division fixture on January 3 because a special sponsor had been arranged.

SKIING

Italian takeover bid for technical events

Madonna di Campiglio (Reuter) - Ivano Edalini became the first Italian for nearly eight years to win a men's Alpine ski World Cup slalom when, at this Italian resort yesterday, he put together two fast runs on a course that eliminated 55 of the 84 starters on the opening 61-gate leg.

Murray are stalled

By a Special Correspondent September that no Scottish club could take part in a competition controlled by another national association. "We didn't want to waste the time and money of our clubs bringing their representatives to Edinburgh only to tell them that," said Ken Johnston, the national director.

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The SBA has taken legal advice on the relationship between MIM and "Basketball League Limited", a new group who are currently negotiating with the English Basketball Association, about the terms and conditions of the proposed new "super league" which is due to start next season.

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SPORT

Telford v Leeds moved to West Bromwich

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football Association has found a time, a date, and a place suitable for the game that nobody, bar Telford United, wanted to stage.

admitted, "but he acknowledged that the FA has the right to make the decision. With the blessing of the West Midlands police, he was happy to comply.

Clubs cleared

Darlington and Middlesbrough have escaped punishment for the fight on the pitch between rival supporters during their third division game at Feethams on November 8.

"If we could have found an alternative, we would certainly have respected their wishes, which we fully understand. It was a last resort, as far as that particular vicinity was concerned. We could have looked elsewhere, but we wanted, above all, to find a ground that was convenient for Telford.

"It offers easy access because it is motorway all the way from Telford to the stadium, and it is an area where there is a police force that is capable of handling big matches. We found ourselves, as we do quite often these days, in a situation where we couldn't win."

Telford, the giant-killers from the GM Vauxhall Conference, were drawn as the hosts but, after the local police had expressed fears about the safety of the public, they decided they had no choice but to concede a home advantage. The FA was asked to provide an alternative venue. It was no easy task.

No club in the West Midlands was willing to accommodate the followers of Leeds, the lepers of the modern game. Even Stoke City, who have

not been the victims of the hooligans from Elland Road, refused the offer. A club spokesman confirmed that they had turned it down "after consultations with the local police."

So did Birmingham City, for more obvious reasons. Their officials remember all too painfully the tragic consequences of the appalling riots that occurred before, during, and after their game against Leeds at St Andrews last May. A youth was killed when a wall collapsed on top of him.

Short of staging the potentially troublesome game on some distant island at dawn, the FA is convinced that it has found the best solution, even though it accepts that it is not ideal. Even Telford's officials, though justifiably disappointed to be forced out of their own home, have graciously accepted the decision.

Mike Ferriday, the secretary, said: "It is one of our first choices so we are quite happy to go there. As it is only half an hour away, we can be sure of a big following from our regular supporters. The neutrals in the crowd will be our neighbours, so we can expect strong support."

"We spoke to West Brom as soon as the draw was made, before all this started. Our average attendance is between 1,500 and 1,600, and in view of the interest that has been aroused, albeit for unfortunate reasons, I would imagine the crowd will be many thousands more than that."



White Fairy Footsteps fetched 720,000 guineas at the Newmarket sales, Flockton Grey made a mere 680 guineas yesterday

A legacy of that vintage coup

By a Correspondent

Flockton Grey - the horse that cost the bookmakers thousands of pounds in a betting swindle - may finally race again, after four years. The grey gelding was sold for 680 guineas yesterday to Wetherby stable owner, Robin Bastiman, acting on behalf of a client. He will be considering racing the horse next year when he plans to re-apply to the Jockey Club for a trainer's licence.

His latest purchase hit the headlines when it was replaced by a ringer, the year older Good Hand, in a betting coup at Leicester four years ago.

Good Hand romped home 20 lengths ahead of his nearest rival, setting the men behind the coup £36,000, while Flockton Grey was in a field more than 100 miles away in North Yorkshire.

Police on Humberdale later seized both horses as evidence in the case that was to run for five weeks at York Crown Court.

Proof that a ringer had been run in Flockton Grey's place came straight from the horse's mouth with a picture showing the winning horse "smiling" in the winner's enclosure.

Horse experts straight away spotted the winner of the race, for two-year-old geldings, had the teeth of a three-year-old. The millionaire businessman 46-year-old Kenneth Richardson, who arranged the swindle from his home in Driffield, North Humberdale, was given a suspended jail sentence and left with fines and costs totalling more than £100,000.

Yesterday, Flockton Grey went unsmiling in the auction at Rufforth Park near Wetherby, listed in the catalogue as just "lot 17, grey gelding".

Bastiman was last night considering suggestions to rename the grey at his stables at Lytton, near Wetherby. Favourite with him at the moment is Gobbledog.

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Scotland to play in Belgium

Brussels (AP) - A Belgian cabinet minister said yesterday Scotland would be allowed to play an international match against Belgium here next April, effectively ending part of the Belgian ban on British professional teams.

The ban was issued in the wake of the riot on May 29 last year at the European Cup final between Juventus and Liverpool at the Heysel stadium, which left 39 people dead. Hooligans from the English club were widely blamed.

"I think this black page in our sporting and social life is now hopefully and definitely behind us," Herman De Croo, the minister of foreign trade said after a meeting with the Belgian Olympic committee.

"From my knowledge, the game will take place in Belgium and probably in Brussels," he said. He added it was still doubtful whether the 55,000-capacity Heysel stadium could be the site.

Since the riot the stadium has become a symbol for the outrages of hooliganism. The

Belgian national team has played several games there since the riot. "The Heysel still has to be renovated, but that belongs to the authority of the interior ministry," De Croo said.

English clubs are still banned from European competitions because of the Heysel tragedy. Apart from Scotland, the Belgian government had also banned professional teams from England, Wales and Northern Ireland from its territory.

Dismissals to be left to rest Singleton moves on in £35,000 deal

John Deacon, the Portsmouth chairman, has confirmed that no action will be taken by the club against three players sent off in Saturday's match against Sheffield United.

Deacon said he was now waiting for the report from Suffolk referee Kevin Morton before making any further comment. Deacon said: "I shall be speaking to Alan Ball, our manager, when we have seen what the referee has to say and act accordingly. Until then we cannot do anything."

Billy Gilbert, Mick Tait and Kevin Dillon were sent off along with United's Peter Beagrie in the first half. The Portsmouth trio will miss the second division match against Shrewsbury at Fratton Park on December 29.

Christmas came early for Stoke City's players yesterday when they started a four-day break. Mick Mills, the manager, has told them to finish their Christmas shopping and do any drinking and party-going they have in mind.

Martin Singleton, the Bradford City midfielder player, was yesterday transferred to West Bromwich Albion for £35,000. Singleton, aged 23, who joined Bradford from Coventry City almost two years ago for £15,000, completed signing formalities at the Hawthorns after talks with Ron Saunders, the West Bromwich manager.

York City and Bristol City have agreed a fee of £25,000 for the transfer of Dale Banton, the York forward. Banton, who will visit Ashton Gate today for a medical and to discuss personal terms with Terry Cooper, the Bristol manager, joined York from Aldershot for a club record £30,000 in November 1984.

Doncaster Rovers have agreed a fee for the Irish League's top goalscorer Tommy Gaynor, of Limerick, following the sale of Neil Woods to Glasgow Rangers. Doncaster received about £120,000 for Woods and have been given the pick of several Rangers' players, who they may also take in part exchange.

Dave Cusack, the Doncaster manager, has already had talks with Colin Miller, aged 22, a member of the Canadian World Cup squad in Mexico, and is hoping to sign both players in time for Sunday's home third division game against Swindon Town.

Chelsea are ready to pay £25,000 for John Coady, the Shamrock Rovers and Republic of Ireland defender. Coady, aged 26, has been negotiating a deal with the Chelsea manager John Hollins, and Ken Bates, the chairman, this week and could face Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

Kevin Smith, Coventry City's £60,000 signing from Rotherham United, has been ruled out for three weeks with a cracked shinbone. He was injured playing against Aston Villa Reserves on Monday night and X-rays yesterday revealed the damage. The Coventry captain Brian Kilcline, making his comeback after a hamstring injury, also received a set-back in the same match when he strained a groin.

TENNIS

McNamara is surprise choice

Melbourne (Reuters) - Peter McNamara, aged 31, was yesterday unexpectedly chosen to play for Australia in the Davis Cup final against Sweden starting on December 26. McNamara joins Pat Cash, John Fitzgerald and Paul McNamee, taking the place of Wally Masur.

"I believe Peter can reach greater heights than anyone else," Neale Fraser, the non-playing captain, said. McNamara, a former Wimbledon doubles champion with McNamee, said: "I think I knew I had a chance. The final place was up for grabs and I took it." McNamara, who has suffered from a knee injury since 1983, played in the first round of the competition against New Zealand at the beginning of the year, winning both singles.

Out of the running

A tour of New Zealand and Australia by an England under-23 athletics team early in the new year has been cancelled for lack of a sponsor.

The trip had been planned as part of the Amateur Athletic Association's long-term preparation for the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland. But Doug Goodman, chairman of the England selectors, said yesterday: "Our hosts were unable to raise the necessary sponsorship for us to undertake the trip so we have had to cancel it."

McLeod's task

Mike McLeod, the 10,000 metres silver medal winner at the Los Angeles Olympics, will be going for his thirteenth successive victory in the Saltwell road race in Newcastle, on Sunday. This time, however, he faces the challenge of Steve Cram, who beat him recently in another local race, and last weekend finished third in the north-east cross-country championships.

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Shame of the game in India

By John Goodbody

Bobby Robson and Mike Gatting had better beware if Mrs Margaret Thatcher copies the policy of the Prime Minister of India.

Rajiv Gandhi yesterday banned Indian athletes from participating in all international games, except cricket, in which India hold the World Cup (and which they happen to be staging, with Pakistan, next year), because of the country's poor performances in September's Asian Games in Seoul.

He immediately ordered a review of all India's sporting performances in Seoul where the 400-member contingent won only three gold medals, one in weightlifting and the other two through Pilaavallakandi Theekparampil Usha, the country's most celebrated athlete, in the women's 100 metres and 400 metres hurdles.

India, with a distinguished sporting pedigree, ranked only fifth in the medal table which was led by China with 80 gold medals.

The biggest disasters occurred in badminton, wrestling and hockey, all sports at which India traditionally excel. In hockey, where the country was once supreme, India won only the bronze medal. They then finished 12th and last in the World Cup in London in October.

The Indian Prime Minister knows about sporting excellence. He went to Trinity College, Cambridge, whose celebrated Great Court Run inspired Harold Abrahams and Lord Burghley, both Olympic champions, during their undergraduate days and was adapted for the film Chariots of Fire.

Gives that background, it is little wonder that he has acted as he has done. Confirming the news, Vidya Shankar, the president of the Indian Olympic Association, said Gandhi's order had been sent to the



Gandhi: shocked by Seoul Ministry of Sports. "The Ministry is reviewing the entire policy of sending teams abroad and for the time being no team is going out," he said.

Shankar said the order might be the reason why Delhi recently refused to let the wrestling team visit India's great rivals, Pakistan, and also banned a table tennis team from participating in an international tournament. The government's clearance is necessary to get a foreign currency permit. India is host to the world table tennis championships in Delhi in February.

This is not the first time that the Prime Minister has acted in international sport. In July, India was one of the first nations to join the boycott of the Commonwealth Games.

His new decision must put particular pressure on the Indian cricket team which today begins a three-Test series against Sri Lanka. The grassy pitch at Kanpur raises the prospect of an exciting match, according to local experts.

Kapil Dev, captain of India and one of the few sporting heroes to have survived the Prime Minister's criticism, is hopeful of victory to follow the draw series against Australia two months ago. "We have a good, sporting wicket after a long time," he said.

Let us hope the Prime Minister will be just as sporting in the barely mentionable event of a defeat for India.

BADMINTON

Elliott secures fine victory

Fiona Elliott pulled off a fine win on the opening day of the Marlboro World Grand Prix finals in Kuala Lumpur yesterday when she demolished the Swedish No 1, Christine Magnusson, 11-1, 11-2 (Richard Eaton writes).

The England No 2, who was in top form while retaining her Welsh Open title in Cardiff nine days ago, was again in ruthless mood in disposing of her Ugandan-born opponent who reached the world championship quarter-finals last year. There was another encouraging English triumph when Nigel Tier, not long recovered from a back injury, and Gillian Gowers won 15-12, 15-5.

DIVING

England hope Ali can learn from his debut

Tony Ali, the schoolboy from London who was placed second in this year's British senior highboard championship, competes for England for the first time in the Golden Cup international tournament at Strasburg, on January 23 (Roy Moor writes).

Only his youth prevented Ali, aged 14, from being chosen for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. The selectors felt it unwise to rush him into the intense competition there, but they regard Strasburg as an ideal launch-pad.

The highly-rated Chinese team, whose perfectionist approach is expected to teach Ali a great deal, will be at Strasburg. They also begin a week of coaching and exhibitions around England at Hatfield on January 12, followed by visits to Barnet Cophall, Cheltenham, Plymouth and Derby.

The England team for Strasburg is completed by Jeffrey Arbour, Jason Statham, Alison Childs, Caroline Roscoe and Naomi Bishop.

ROWING

Extra day sends up profits at Henley

The extra day at the Henley Regatta netted a profit of £40,000, it was revealed at the Henley Stewards annual meeting in London yesterday. It also relieved the pressure on the racing programme.

With no space for further expansion, the popularity of the regatta has reached saturation point. There is now a limit of 5,000 members of the Stewards Enclosure, and a waiting list of over 500.

Peter Coni, the Henley chairman's report estimated that 100,000 spectators used the regatta enclosures and another 25,000 visited the hospitality enclosures or river moorings. The cost of the new headquarters, opened by The Queen last April, including the

land, amounted to £1,125,000 and the regatta faces further heavy expenditure to purchase Temple Island, near the start of the course. The regatta's offer for the island has been accepted, subject to contract, but the sum has not been revealed. Mr Coni suggested that the resultant borrowing should be cleared by the early 1990's. The 1986 regatta produced a surplus of £294,000, after tax.

According to Mr Coni, the regatta only faces one serious problem: noise. "Umpires had problems with the noise from bands on pleasure craft, preventing them starting races, and spoiled the pleasure of those watching from the banks."

YACHTING

Frenchman's heroic record

The strain of pushing a 60ft boat to the limit for 26 days still showed on the face of Titouan Lamazou yesterday - 72 hours after the Frenchman had clipped an astounding seven days off the record for the 6,900-mile dash through the ice-strewn Roaring Forties from Cape Town to Sydney on the final leg of the second stage of the BOC single-handed round-the-world race.

"There were times when I was very frightened," Lamazou, aged 31, a marine artist, admitted. "So often, the boat seemed to run vertically down the waves, and I thought she would pitch-pole (flip end-over-end)."

"The water then boiled up over the deck, obliterating all sight of the boat. But, somehow, she always came back out again." Lamazou did not escape totally unscathed, however. Two knock-downs left both him and his boat badly battered. "It was while the boat was being steered under autopilot that she broached badly, and the next wave just

knocked us right over," he said. As the Frenchman struggled to release the sails and get the boat back up on her feet, the genoa snagged. "I was faced with either running forward to release sail, or stay at the wheel," he continued.

"Either way, I was in great danger because the boat had now stopped dead in the water. In rough seas like that, you must go fast to be safe. Once you are dead in the water, then you are at the mercy of the next wave. I tried to set staysail, but was too late and the boat rolled right over."

For a minute or more, she just twitched - like a boxer, out cold - before finally overcoming the weight of the water in her sails and staggering back on her feet. Lamazou somehow held on, but he was then faced with a spaghetti of ropes strewn across the deck and two broken spinnaker poles, the remains of one being washed overboard, along with two spinnakers.

Below, the scene was even worse, with loose items of gear scattered throughout the length of the boat. But that was of no immediate consequence, and he just struggled to hoist the sail and get the boat moving again before the next wave struck.

Philippe Jeantot, winner of the first BOC race four years ago, crossed the Sydney finish line five and a half hours after Lamazou to take the overall lead in the 27,000-mile race. He was full of praise for Lamazou. "He stole a 100-mile lead during the first stormy night at sea, and we were never able to catch him after that."

Now, holding a three-and-a-half-day lead over Lamazou at the half-way stage, Jeantot is not prepared to take all the risks. "I want to win the big one, the overall prize," he continued. "If that means finishing second everywhere, that's OK - so long as I win in the end." However, with another 14,000 miles to cover to the finish line at Newport, Rhode Island, Jeantot knows that almost anything can happen.

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